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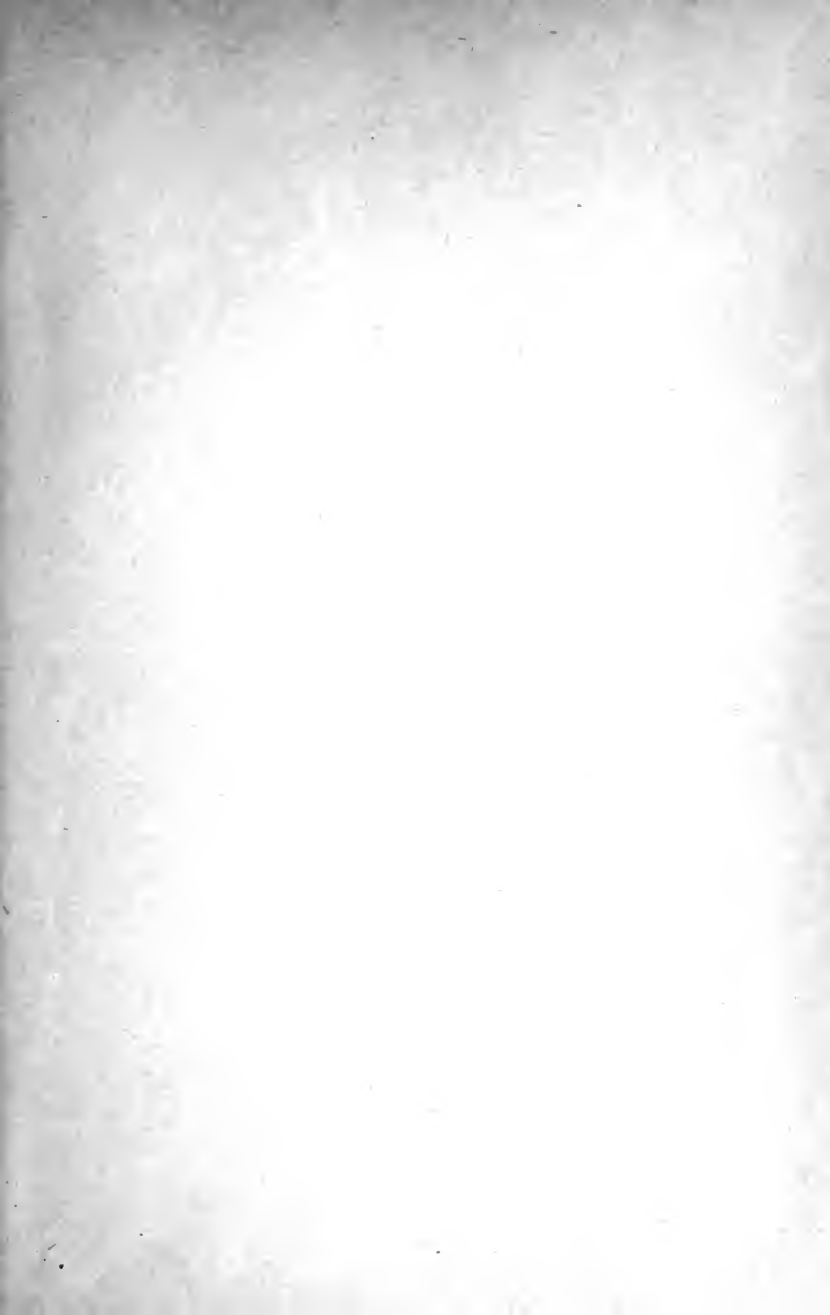
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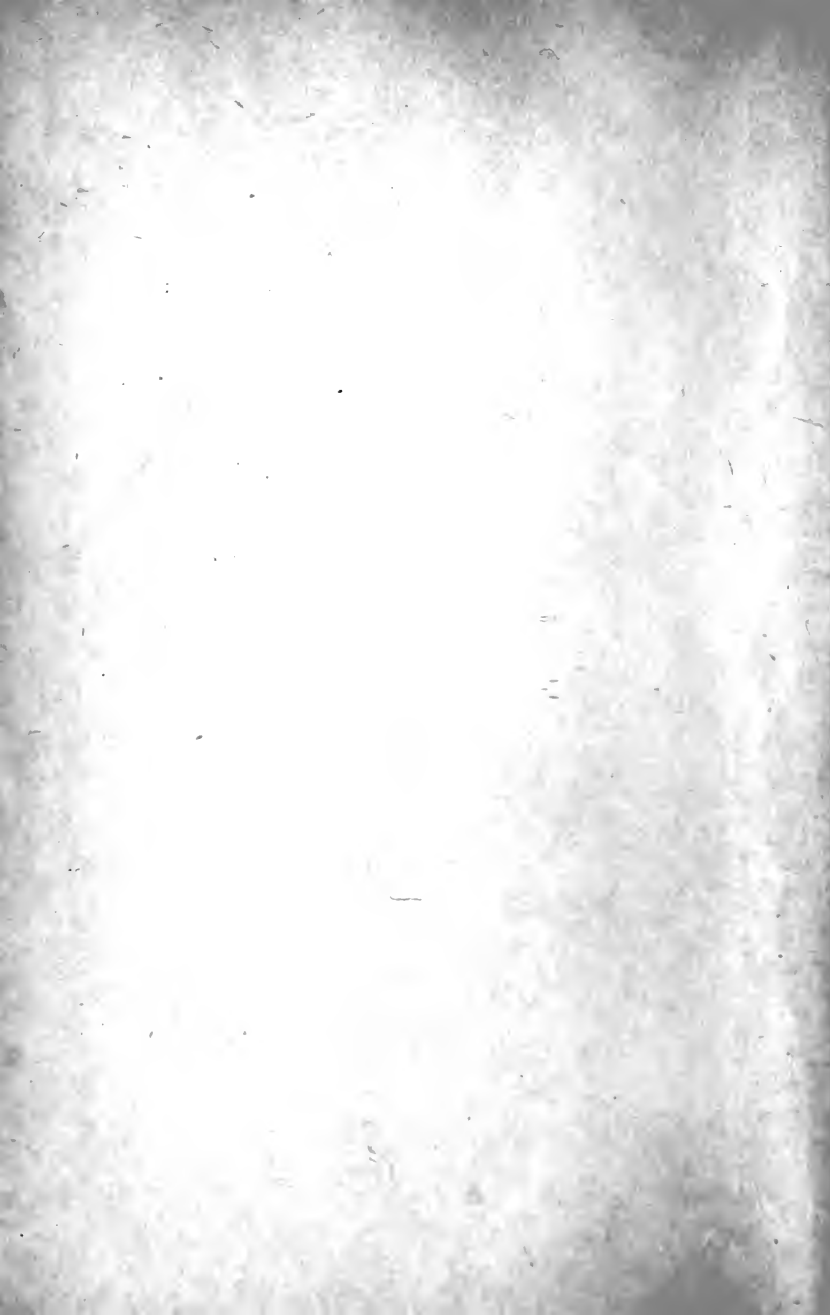


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P R E F A C E.

I HAVE attempted in these pages to form a calendar of all the Courts exercising Testamentary Jurisdiction prior to 1858, when their records were, by an Act of Parliament, 20 and 21 Victoria, cap. 77, transferred to the Court of Probate.

The information here given is based upon the Returns of Courts empowered to grant Probates of Wills, made to Parliament, and ordered to be printed 30 May, 1828, 16 April, 1829, 26 March, 1830, and 27 February, 1832; and also upon the "Index of Courts of which the Records, etc., have been transmitted to the Court of Probate; also, a List of the Registries of the Court of Probate, etc., March, 1862," 4^o, a work, so far as I know, only issued to the Registrars of the District Registries created by the Act of 1858. The form of this book is similar to that Index. The number of Courts noticed in this book is about 325.

The materials at my command, though somewhat out of date, have been utilized to the best of my ability, aided by the kind co-operation of the Registrars of some of the District Registries, and such private inquiry as I have been able to make.

The object of these pages is to show at a glance the date of the earliest known Record, Will, Administration, or Inventory, as the case may be, in each Court, which is indicated by the date in the *first* column; the name of the Court, and the localities subject to it, in the *second*: and the present place of deposit of the Records in the *third*. Those who consult them will be the best judges as to how far this object has been attained. As to those Courts exercising peculiar jurisdiction, where no information is afforded or reference

made to the localities over which they extend, it may be assumed that their jurisdiction extends only to the place from which their name is taken.

The following observations should be borne in mind by those whose business impels them to consult the Records of our Ancient Courts of Probate :—

A Bishop's Consistory Court had jurisdiction over a whole diocese, an Archdeaconry Court over the archdeaconry only, a Peculiar Court over the peculiar only, and so forth.

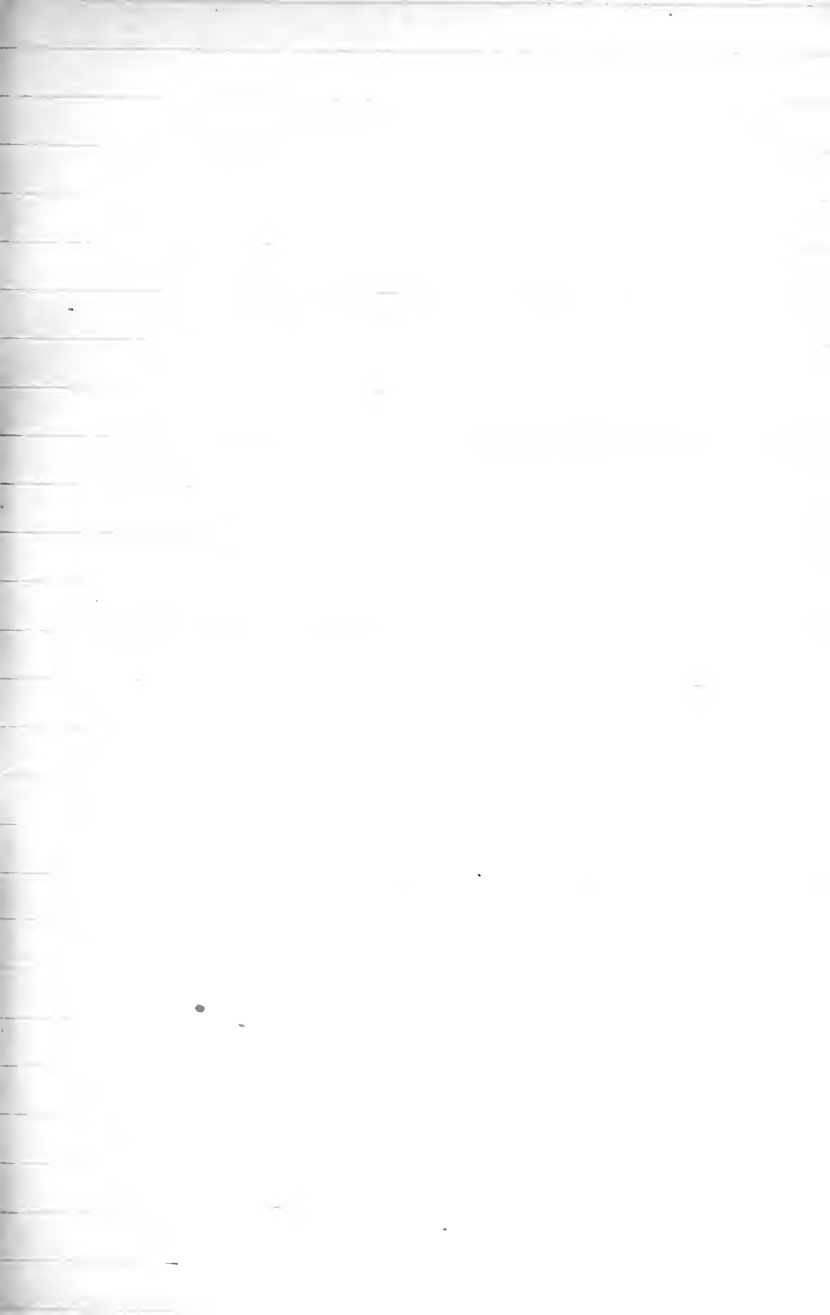
Since the Government Returns were made, new Indexes have in several cases been made to the Records of some Courts.

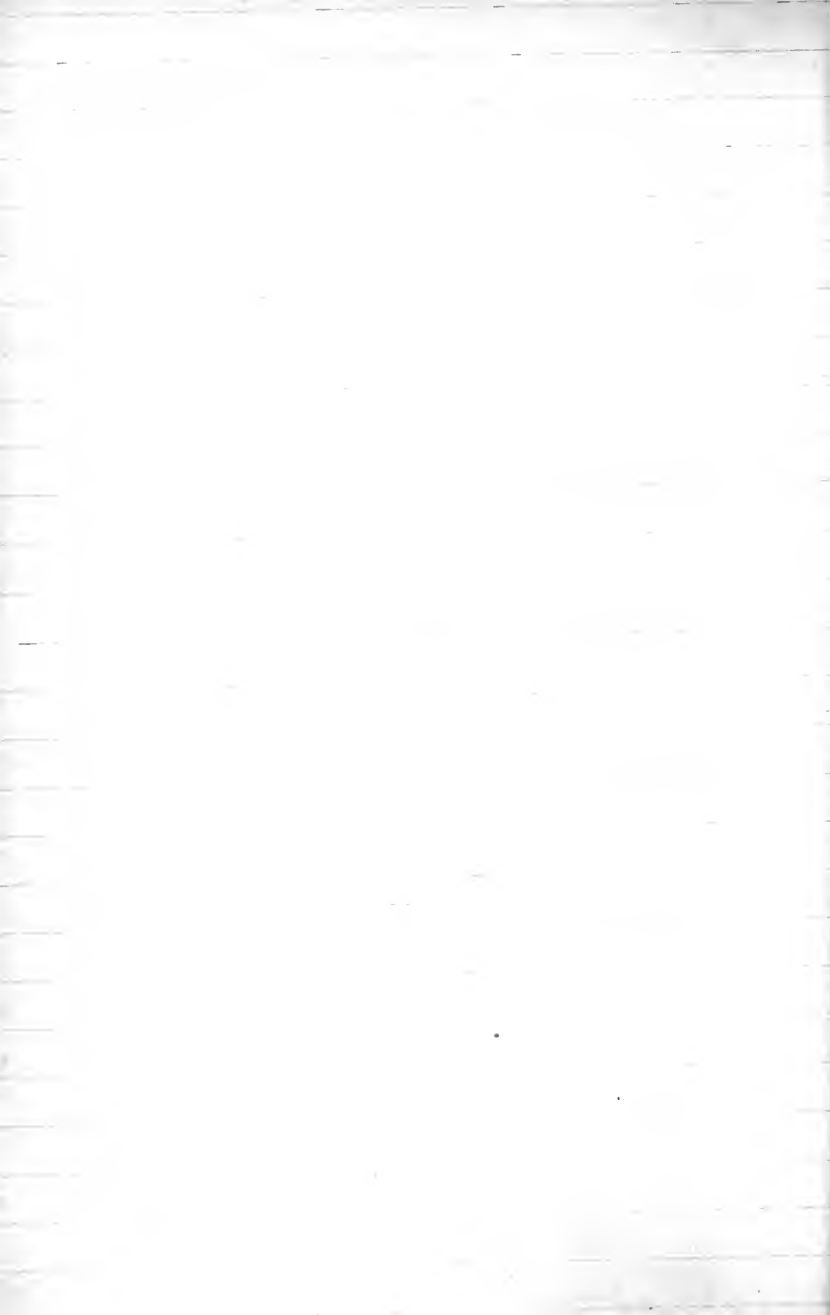
In many places two Courts exercised a concurrent jurisdiction.

The 126th Canon of 1603 orders that the Wills of Peculiar Jurisdictions shall be exhibited into the Registry of the Bishop of the Diocese, a custom which I presume was already in practice, and the observance of which this Canon was intended to enforce. The neglect of this order is probably the reason why the Records of so many Peculiars date from a period posterior to the Restoration. After 1603 their custodians neglected to comply with the rule laid down by the Canon ; anterior they had done so, hence the Peculiar Wills are in earlier times mixed up with those of the Bishop's Consistory Court, and in most cases are not distinguishable from others which were proved in it. An exception to this, which, I think, goes a good way toward justifying my opinion on the point, exists in the diocese of York, where the earlier Wills appear to have been kept separately, contrary to the general rule. They are calendared in a volume called an "Index to General Peculiars,"* 1438-1728, the several peculiars being thus consolidated into one index volume.

* In the Index to General Peculiars at York there are indexes to the following peculiars :

Ampleford, 1666—1706.
 Barnby Moor—1670—1736.
 Bugthorpe, 1680—1739.
 Holme, 1663—1703.
 Langtoft—1647—1699.
 Mexboro' and Ravenfield, 1695—1740.
 North Newbald, 1633—1734.
 Osbaldwick, 1631—1739.
 Strensall, 1640—1739.
 Wistow, 1636—1706.
 Subdeanery, 1676—1729.
 Wetwang, 1658—1709.
 Wadworth, 1708—1760.







Some of them have a separate index, commencing at a date often long subsequent to that of their earliest Records, and being the date at which the custodians of these Wills ceased to comply with the order for their transfer to what was then the "Principal Registry" of the diocese. Assuming that I am right, the searcher after Wills proved in any peculiar in this or any other diocese may rest assured that he has examined all that exist, when he has searched through the Wills now said to belong to it, and also through the Consistory or other Principal Court of the diocese anterior to the date at which they nominally commence.

A few depositories of Wills which are not, properly speaking, "Courts of Probate," are mentioned in these pages; no reference to these will be found in the Government Returns, and hence the fact of the existence of Wills at these places may be considered as new information.

The Wills contained in the Bishops' Books in most dioceses do not appear to have been included in the Returns, there is therefore no means of ascertaining, except by personal research, what these Ecclesiastical Records contain.

A considerable number of Wills, chiefly enrolments of such as have been proved, are scattered here and there among the Public Records, at the Record Office in Fetter Lane. A Calendar of these was commenced in "The Genealogist," New Series, Vol. i., p. 266, and has been continued in Vols. ii., pp. 59, 279, and iii., pp. 122, 185, 220.

It should not be forgotten that Wills of which no other Record exists, are frequently found enrolled on Court Rolls.

During the progress of this book through the press, indexes to the Wills in the Peculiar Courts at Wakefield, viz., Crossley, Bingley, and Pudsey, Temple Newsam Manor Court, Silsden Manor Court, and Barnoldswick Manor Court have been printed by Mr. A. Gibbons in the "Northern Genealogist;" also to the Prebendal Courts of Caistor and Louth at Lincoln; and the Manor Court of Edwinstowe in Nottinghamshire. A Calendar of Wills in the Court of Delegates will be found in "The Genealogist," New Series, xi. 171, 224. Wills from Tarvin, co. Chester, are, I am told, at Lichfield. Wills of the Peculiar of Sedgley, co. Stafford, are said to be in boxes in the garrets of Lord Dudley's house at Himley. Mr. F. A. Crisp has printed a Calendar of Ipswich Wills, 1444-1600.

There are a few instances, which I give here, of references which may be useful, but which cannot be properly included in footnotes, viz. :

A list of printed Wills will be found in "Notes and Queries," 3 S. ii. 341, 403, 430, 434, 501, 517 ; iii., 30, 75, 245. Mr. Joseph Foster attempted to form a Calendar of printed Wills in his "Collectanea Genealogica," but discontinued it before he had finished letter B. In Sims's "Manual for the Genealogist," p. 349, a number of very useful references to MS. sources of information will be found, to which may be added, Rochester Wills, MS. Society of Antiquaries ; Canterbury Wills, Add. MS. 5528 ; Yorkshire Wills, Add. MS. 29699. For abstracts of some Wills from the Close Rolls, *see* "Notes and Queries," 8 S. i., 389, 448 ; iv., 321, 381, 482.

In consulting the Index to this book it must be borne in mind that the places printed in capital letters refer to those at which Wills are now deposited, so that, for example, on referring to WORCESTER, all the Courts whose Wills are there will be ascertained. The names in ordinary type are those of places over which Peculiar and other Courts have exercised testamentary jurisdiction.

The footnotes to these pages supply such information as I have been able to gather relative to the calendars, or copies of Wills printed by antiquarian societies or private individuals. To those who are engaged in making searches among original documents I must appeal for information, and correction of the many defects attendant upon what is only an attempt to guide them over a field of inquiry hitherto untrodden. I shall be obliged to anyone who will point out my omissions or correct my mistakes, and pleased to afford any further information in my power to those who consult this work.

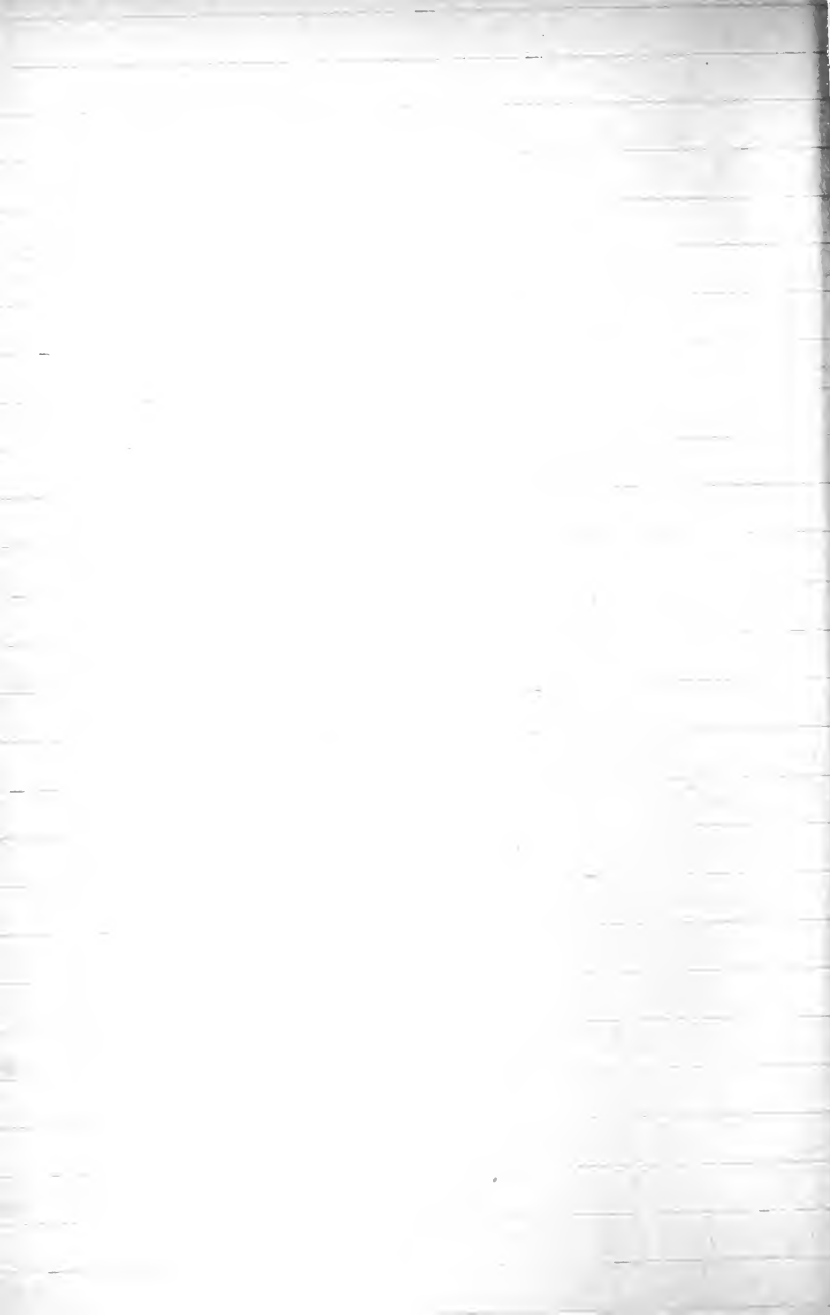
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Ancient Courts of Probate.



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1504	Acomb.	<p>Peculiar Court.</p> <p>Separate Index begins in 1709. No Wills proved after 1830.</p>	York.
1415	St. Alban's.	<p>Archdeaconry Court.</p> <p>Jurisdiction extends over the parishes of St. Alban, Bushey, East Barnett, Chipping Barnet, Codicott, Hexton, Abbot's Langley, Elstree, St. Michael, Newnham, Northaw, Norton, St. Peter, Redbourn, Rickmersworth, Ridge, Shephall, Saundridge, Sarratt, St. Stephen, Paulswalden, and Watford, in co. Hertford; and Aston Abbots, Granborough, Little Horwood, and Winslow, in co. Bucks. <i>See</i> London, Consistory Court.</p>	Principal Registry.
1666	Allerton and Allertonshire.	<p>Peculiar of the Bishop and Peculiar of the Dean.</p> <p>Jurisdiction extends over the parishes of Northallerton; Brompton, Deighton, and Worsall, chapelries in the parish of Northallerton; Kirby Sigston, and West Rounton, all in co. York.</p> <p>Index to Wills 1666—1845. Wills previous to 1666 are with those of the Consistory Court of Durham.</p>	Durham.

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1458	Alne and Tollerton.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over parishes of Alne with Tollerton, Skelton, and Wigginton. An account book of Probates from 1545 is in the Registry. Separate Index begins in 1601.	York.
1675	Alrewas and Wee- ford.	Prebendal Court.* Jurisdiction extends over Alrewas, Bromley Regis, Edingale, Mavesyn Ridware, Pipe Ridware, Weeford, Swinfen, and Thickbroom.	Lichfield.
1718	Alve- church.	Court of the Rector.	Worcester.
<i>Circ.</i> 1612	Alver- stoke.	Peculiar Court.	Win- chester.
1559	Alveston and Was- perton.	Peculiar Court. The Wills of this Court are in- dexed in a new index to the follow- ing peculiars at Lichfield, viz. :— The Prebendal Courts of Sawley, Whittington and Baswich, Alre- was and Weeford, Hansacre and Armitage, High Offley and Flix- ton, Colwich and Bishop's Itching- ton, Longdon, Prees, and Eccles- hall; the Manor Courts of Gnosal, Burton-on-Trent, and of the Deanery of Hartington; the Royal Peculiars of Wolverhampton and Penkridge; the Peak Forest Court; and the Peculiar Court of Hamp- ton Lucy. <i>See</i> Lichfield, Con- sistory Court, <i>note</i> .	Lichfield.
1558	Ample- forth.	Prebendal Court. Jurisdiction extends over parishes of Ampleforth and Heslington. Separate Index begins in 1661.	York.
1557	Apes- thorpe.	Prebendal Court.	York.

* There is a separate Index to this Court, as well as that in the General Index to Peculiars at Lichfield. *See* Lichfield, Consistory Court, *note*.

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1661	Arches Court of Canter- bury.	Arches Court of Canterbury. A Court of Appeal. The Wills, etc., belonging to this Court are now in the custody of the Deputy Registrar of the Court, Cyrus Waddilow, Esq., of Doctors' Commons. Proctors of the Court appear to have had the privilege of having their wills proved in it.	Lambeth.
	Arches Court of London.	<i>See Croydon.</i>	
1724	Arkingarth- dale and New Forest.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over parish of Arkingarthdale, and over so much of the parishes of Kirkby Hill and Barningham as constitute the Districts of New Forest and Hope. No Wills after 1812.	Unknown.
1565	St. Asaph.	Consistory Court.*	St. Asaph.
1662	Ashill.	Prebendal Court.	Wells.
1594	Askham Bryan.	Manorial Court. No Wills proved after 1799.	York.
1674	Aylesbury.	Peculiar Court. Wills of earlier date will be found in Archdeaconry Court of Bucks.	Principal Registry.
1692	Baddesley, North.	Donative Court. No records after 1777.	Win- chester.
1773	Baddesley Clinton.	Manor Court. <i>See</i> Lichfield, Consistory Court, <i>note.</i>	Birming- ham.

* A Calendar of the Wills in this Court from 1565—1583 is printed in the Collections of the Powys Land Club, Vol. xvi., p. 299.

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1682	Balsall Temple.	Manor Court. <i>See</i> Lichfield, Consistory Court, <i>note</i> .	Birmingham.
1736	Banbury.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over the parishes of Banbury, Cropredy, the hamlets of Great and Little Bourton, Horley, Hornton, Neithorp, Mollington, and Waddington, co. Oxford; and King's Sutton, co. Northampton.	Principal Registry.
1634	Bangor.	Consistory Court.	Bangor.
1674	Banwell.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over parishes of Banwell, Churchill, and Puxton.	Wells.
1632	Barnoldswick.	Manor Court. Last Will proved was in 1804.	Wakefield.
1563	Barnstaple.	Archdeaconry Court. Jurisdiction extends over all the parishes in the Archdeaconry except Swimbridge, Landkey, Bishops-Tawton, and Bishops-Nympton, which are Peculiars of the Bishop of Exeter.	Exeter.
1671	Barston.	Manor Court. <i>See</i> Lichfield, Consistory Court, <i>note</i> .	Birmingham.
	Bath and Wells.	<i>See</i> Wells.	
1531	Battel.	Deanery Court, Exempt Jurisdiction.	Lewes.
1496	Bedford.	Archdeaconry Court. New Index from 1536.	Northampton.
1562	Beeford.	Manor Court. "Wills are sometimes abstracted, but more frequently copied at full length on the Court Rolls. They commence in 1562, and the last one is in 1768. Wills and Inventories are the only entries on these Court Rolls."	York.





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1530	Berks.	Archdeaconry Court.*	Principal Registry.
1539	Beverley.	Peculiar Court. The Jurisdiction of this Court is said to have terminated at the dissolution of the monasteries. <i>See</i> Lawton's "Treatise of Bona Notabilia," p. 68. There is a small book, unbound and unstitched, at York, entitled, "Registrum testament' Infra Jurisdictionem. . . . Beati Johannis Beu'laci." 1539 — 1552. This vol. of transcripts is, I believe, the only record of Wills proved in this Court.	York.
1665	Bibury.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over Bibury, the rectory of Barnsley, with the chapels of Aldsworth and Winstone.	Gloucester.
1687	Bierton.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over parishes of Bierton, Buckland, Stoke Mandeville, and Quarrendon. Prior to 1687, the Wills are with those of the Archdeaconry of Bucks.	Principal Registry.
1712	Biggleswade.	Prebendal Court.	Northamp- ton.
1591	Bilton.	Prebendal Court.	York.
1654	Bishop's Cleeve.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over parish of Bishop's Cleeve and Chapel of Stoke Orchard.	Gloucester.
1684	Bishop's Itchington.	Prebendal Court. Jurisdiction extends over Itchington, Chadshunt, and Gaydon. <i>See</i> Lichfield, Consistory Court, <i>note</i> .	Birming- ham.

* Calendar of Wills and Administrations, Archdeaconry of Berks, 1508-1652. British Record Society, Index Library, Vol. viii. London, 1893, 8vo.

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1613	Bishop's Norton.	Prebendal Court. Jurisdiction extends over parish of Bishop's Norton, and township of Atterby.	Lincoln.
1625	Bishop- stone.	Prebendal Court.	Principal Registry and Salisbury.
1625	Bishop's Waltham.	Peculiar Court.	Win- chester.
1531	Bishop Wilton.	Peculiar Court. No wills proved after 1842. Separate Index begins in 1616.	York.
	Blandford.	<i>See</i> Dorset, Archdeaconry Court.	
1627	Bocking.	Deanery Court. Jurisdiction extends over the parishes of Bocking, Borley, Latchingdon, Stisted, South- church, and the hamlet of Little Coggeshall, co. Essex; and the parishes of Hadleigh, Moulton, and Monks Eleigh, co. Suffolk.	Principal Registry.
1627	Bole.	Prebendal Court.	York.
....	Bolster- stone.	Court of Town End in.	Wakefield.
1546	Brampton.	Peculiar Court.	Peter- borough.
1625 1611	Brecon.	Consistory Court of the Arch- deaconry. The Archdeaconry of Brecon in- cludes, besides the Counties of Brecon and Radnor, the parishes of Kerry and Mochtre, co. Mont- gomery; Walterstone, Clodock, Michael Church Eskley, St. Margarets, Rollston, Llancillo, Ewyas Harold, and Dulas, co. Hereford; Cwmyoy, and Old Castle, co. Monmouth.	Hereford.

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1717	Bredon.	Court of the Rector. Jurisdiction extends over the parish of Bredon, and chapelries of Norton and Cutsdean.	Worcester.
1635	Bridge-north.	Royal Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over St. Mary Magdalen and St. Leonard Bridgenorth, Claverly, Bovington, Alveley, and Quatford.	Shrewsbury.
1379	Bristol. Eight hundred and sixty-one Wills ranging from 1379—1674 are preserved in the Council House. A very valuable book containing abstracts of four hundred and forty-nine of them has been printed under the auspices of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archæological Society, entitled, "Notes or abstracts of the Wills contained in the volume entitled THE GREAT ORPHAN BOOK AND BOOK OF WILLS, in the Council House at Bristol." By the Rev. T. P. Wadley, M.A." Bristol, 1886, 8vo.	Bristol.
1546	Bristol.	Consistory Court.* Jurisdiction extends over the City and Deanery of Bristol, and includes the following parishes: All Saint's, Christ Church, St. Ewin, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Leonard, St. Mary le Port, St. Mary Redcliff, St. Michael, St. Nicholas, St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Stephen, Temple, St. Thomas, St. Werbergh, St. Augustine, St. Philip and St. Jacob, in the City of Bristol; Abbot's Leigh, co. Somerset; Compton Greenfield, Henbury, Horfield, Filton, Mangotsfield, Stapleton, Westbury, Almondsbury, Clifton, Elberton, Littleton, Olvestone, Alvestone, St. George (Bristol), Stoke Gifford, and Winterborne, co. Gloucester.	Bristol.

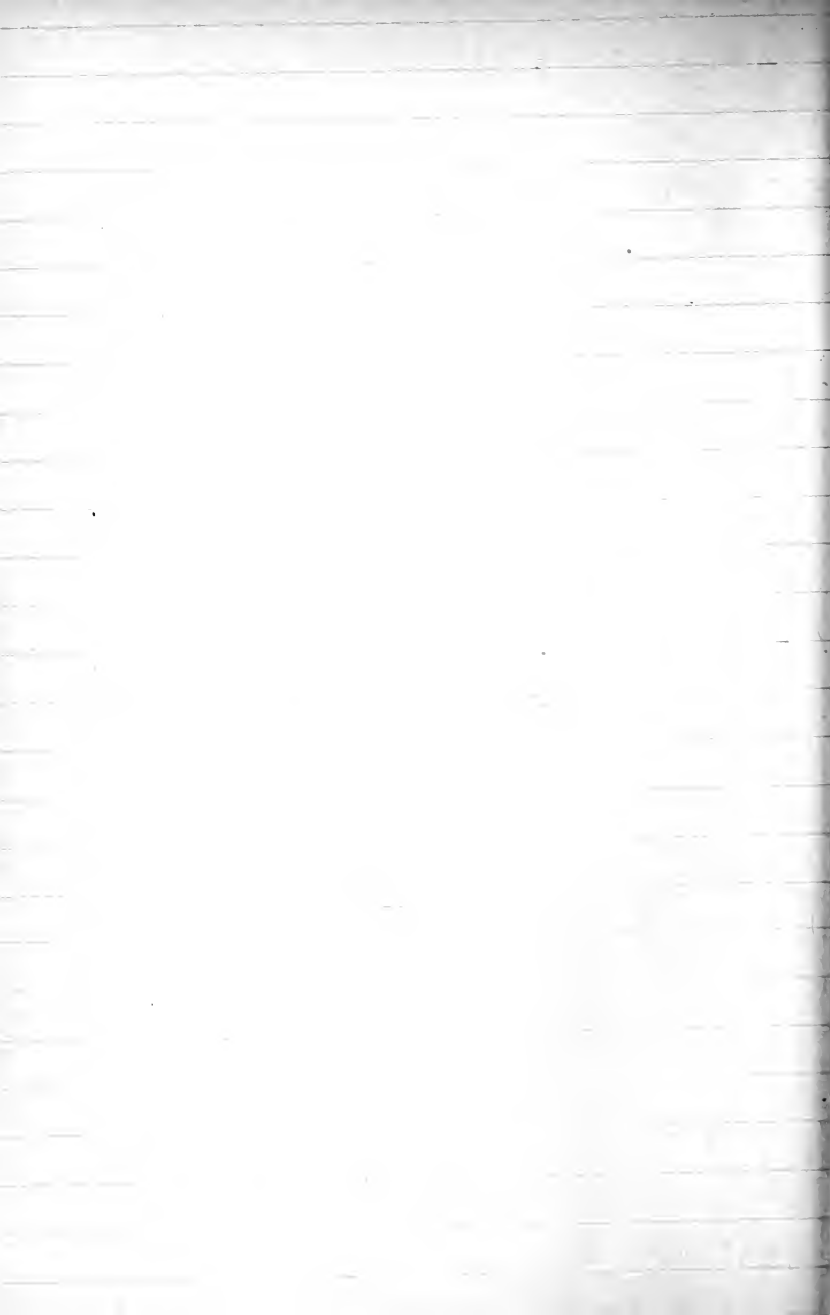
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		Part of the diocese of Bristol (and the parishes in the city) were before the foundation of the See in the diocese of Worcester, where Wills of persons dying in them will be found prior to 1542. The parishes of St. Thomas, and St. Mary Redcliff, and also Abbot's Leigh prior to the foundation of the See were in the diocese of Bath and Wells; before 1542 the Wills from them should be found at Wells.	
1682	Bristol.	Consistory Court. (Dorsetshire Department).	Blandford.
1661	Buckden.	Peculiar Court.	Peterborough.
1701	Buckingham.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over the parish of Buckingham, and hamlets of Bourton, Bourton-hold, Gawcott, Lethenborough, and Prebendend, co. Buckingham. Prior to 1701 Wills of this peculiar will be found in Archdeaconry Court. There are three Wills, 1672-3, in the Registry of the Dean and Chapter at Lincoln.	Principal Registry.
1520	Buckingham.	Archdeaconry and Commissary's Court. Jurisdiction comprises the whole county of Buckingham, with the exception of the parishes of Aylesbury, Buckingham, Berton, Buckland, Quarrendon, Stoke Mandeville, and Towersey, which are peculiars of the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln; Monks Risborough (which see), Winslow, Grandborough, Little Horwood, and Aston Abbots in the Archdeaconry of St. Albans.	Principal Registry.
1637	Buckland Dinham.	Prebendal Court.	Wells.









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1544	Bugthorpe.	Prebendal Court. Jurisdiction extends over parishes of Bugthorpe and Stockton on Forest. Separate Index begins in 1669.	York.
1799	Buildwas Abbey.	Peculiar Court.	Shrews- bury.
1608	Bulling- hope, Upper.	Peculiar Court. No Wills after 1816.	Hereford.
1635	Burbage.	Prebendal Court.	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.
1603	St. Buryan	Royal Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over St. Buryan, Sennen, and St. Leven. No Wills after 1829.	Bodmin.
	Bury St. Edmunds.	<i>See Sudbury, note.</i>	
1678	Burton upon Trent.	Manorial Court. Jurisdiction extends over Manor of Burton upon Trent, containing the following places, Stretton, Horninglow, Shobnall, Wetmore, Branson, and Windshill. <i>See</i> Lichfield, Consistory Court, <i>note.</i>	Lichfield.
1636	Caistor.	Prebendal Court. Jurisdiction extends over the parishes of Caistor and Clixby, and township of Holton le Moor.	Lincoln.
1612	Calborne.	Peculiar Court.	Win- chester.
	Calne.	<i>See Salisbury.</i>	

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1501	Cambridge.	Court of the Chancellor of the University. No Wills proved after 1765. In 5 vols., 1501—1765, with index to each vol. A. S. Gatty, York Herald, has a M.S. Index to these Wills.	Peterborough.
1451	Cambridge, King's College.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over the precincts of the College, which includes several tenements adjoining thereto.	King's College.
1639	Great Canford, and Poole.	Peculiar Court. There is an Index in 2 vols. Wills from 1650. Adm'ons from 1680.	Blandford.
1383	Canterbury.*	Prerogative Court.† To the information given in "Returns of Ecclesiastical	Principal Registry.

* Index of Wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 1383—1558. By J. C. C. Smith. British Record Society, Index Library, Vol. x. London, 1893, 8vo.

† An Index to the Yorkshire Wills and Adm'ons in this Court, 1649—1660, by Dr. Collins, will be found in Vol. i. of the publications of the Yorkshire Archæological Association, Record Series. There are other works giving copies or calendars of some of the more important or local Wills, *e.g.* :

Wills from Doctors' Commons. Camden Society, Vol. 83.

The Fifty Earliest English Wills in the Court of Probate, London, 1387—1439. Edited by F. J. Furnival, for the Early English Text Society. London, 1882, 8vo.

Genealogical Gleanings in England. By Henry F. Waters, A.B. Vol. i. Boston, U.S.A., 1885—1888, 8vo. This collection of Wills relating to persons who emigrated to America is still in progress in the New England Society's publications.

A Collection of all the Wills of the Kings and Queens of England, etc., London, 1780, 4to ; and "Testamenta Vetusta," by N. H. Nicolas, London, 1826, 8vo, 2 vols., may be consulted by those curious to learn what Wills have been printed.

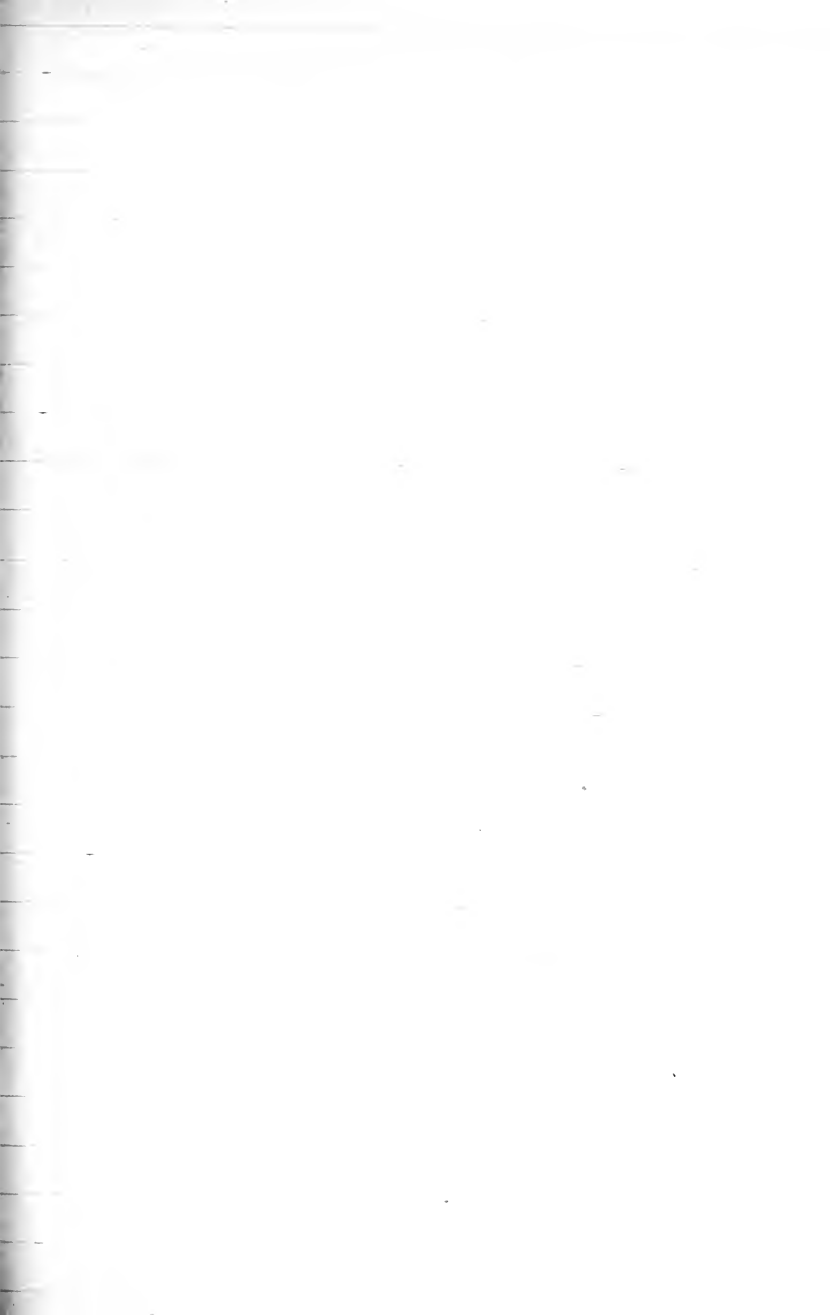
A note as to 59 Wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, but entered only in the Prior and Chapter's Book at *Canterbury*, will be found in "The Genealogist," Vol. vi., p. 48.

Genealogical abstracts of Wills, proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Register "Wootton," 1658. By William Brigg, Vol. i., Leeds, 1894, 8vo.

A Calendar of Wills relating to the county of Kent, proved in P.C.C., 1384—1559. By L. L. Duncan. Lee, 1890, 8vo.

Notes from Sussex Wills in P.C.C. Sussex Archæological Collections, Vol. xxviii. 180.

Abstracts of Somersetshire Wills. From MSS. of late Rev. Frederick Brown. Six vols., privately printed for F. A. Crisp, 1887-90, fol. This contains also Wills from Taunton and Wells.





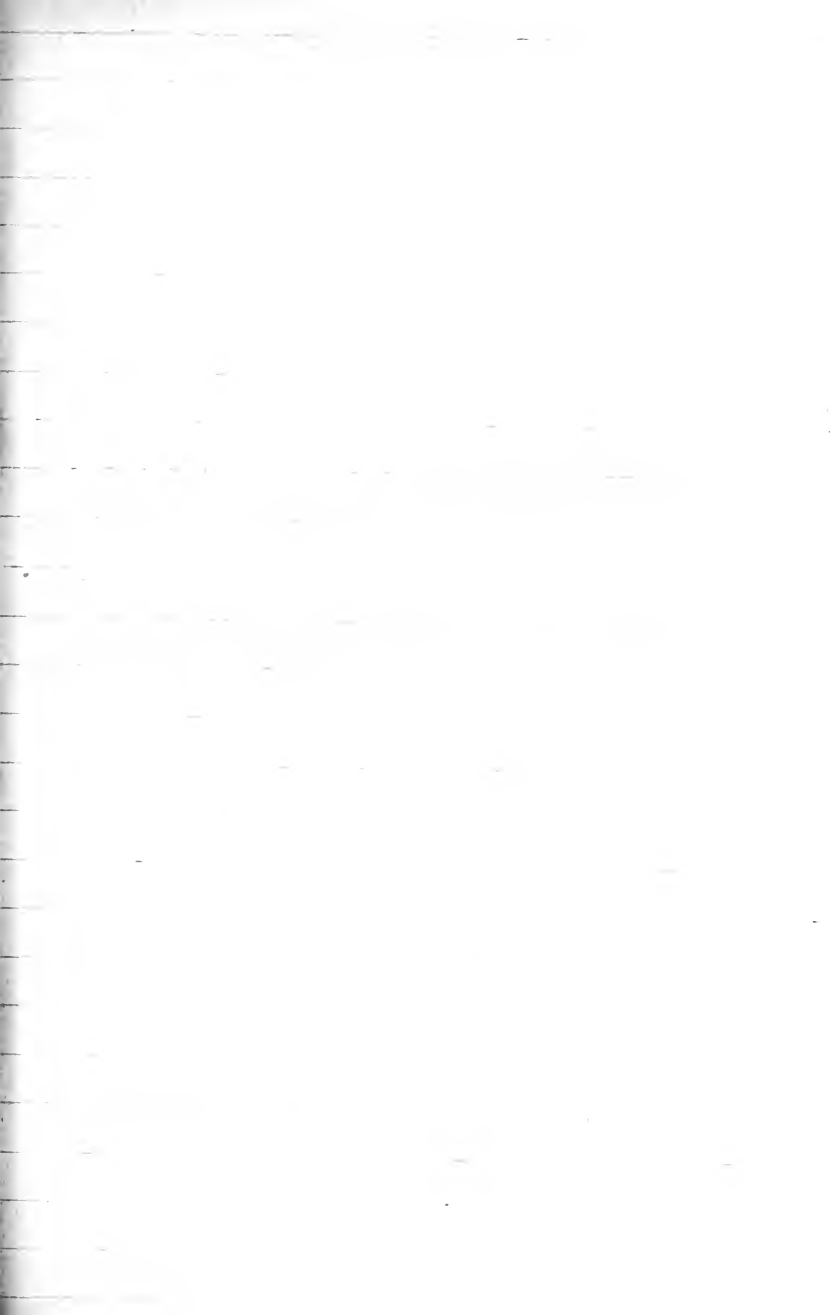




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1362	Canterbury.	Consistory Court.	Canterbury.
1449	Canterbury.	Archdeacon's Court.	Canterbury.
	Cardigan.	<i>See</i> St. David's.	
1610	Carlisle.*	Consistory Court.	Carlisle.
	Cardmarthen.	<i>See</i> St. David's.	
1669	Castle Combe.	Peculiar Court.	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.
	Castle Rising.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over the parishes of Castle-rising, Roydon, North and South Wotton. The Wills are among the Records of the Archdeaconry Court of Norwich, and are not distinguishable therefrom.	Norwich.
1550	South Cave.	Peculiar Court. No Wills proved after 1843.	York.
1639	Chardstock and Wambrook.	Prebendal Court.	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.
1613	Cheriton with Kilmeston and Tichbourne Chapels.	Peculiar Court. No Wills after 1824.	Winchester.

* Testamenta Karleolensia. By R. S. Ferguson. Kendal, 1893, 8vo. This work contains the Wills from the Pre-Reformation Registers of the Bishops of Carlisle, 1353—1386.





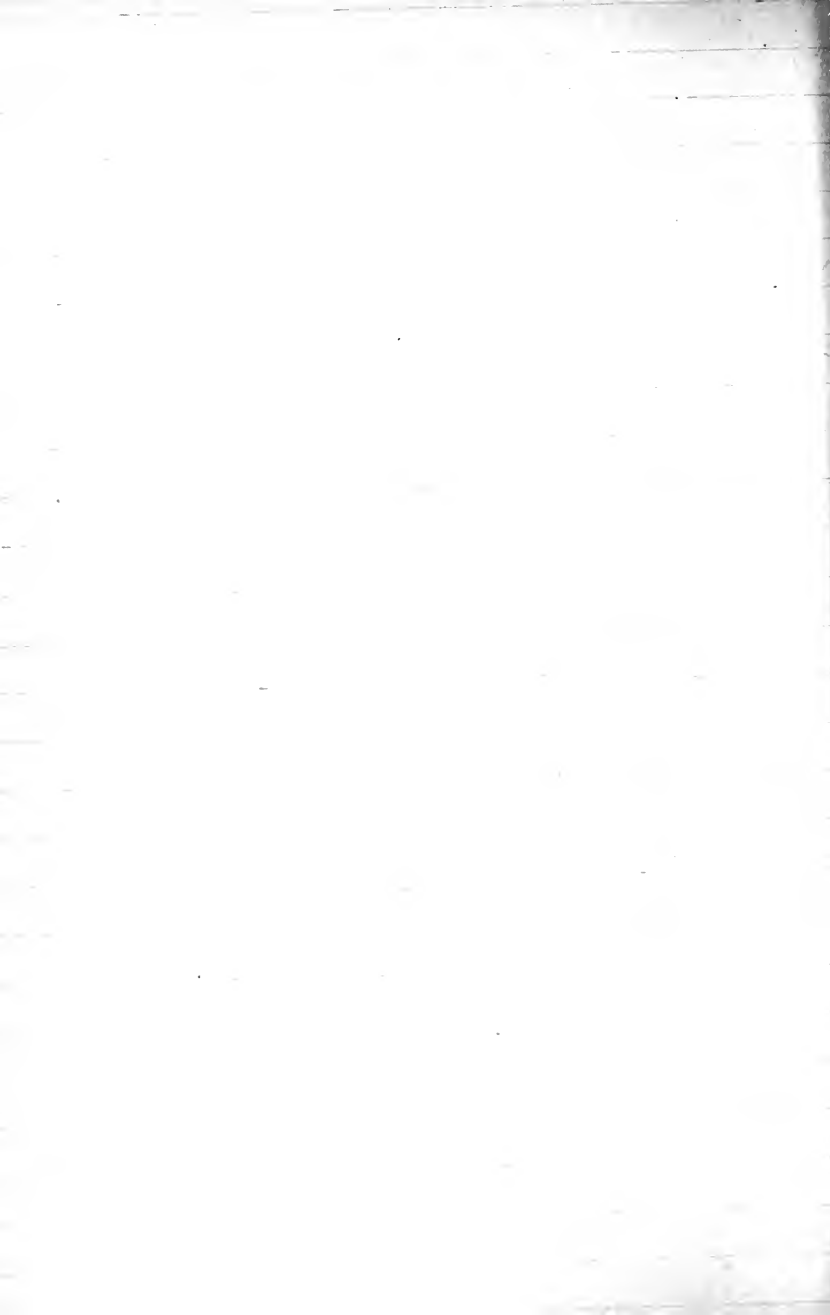
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1521	Chester.	Consistory Court.*	Chester.
1660	Chester.	Court of the Rural Deans. There are twelve Rural Deaneries. Their power was limited to issuing grants when the deceased's property was under £40.†	Chester.
1518	Chichester.	Consistory Court. Jurisdiction extends over the Archdeaconry of Chichester.	<i>Wm.</i> Chichester.
1553	Chichester.	Peculiar Court of the Dean. Jurisdiction extends over nine parishes in Chichester, viz., St. Andrew, St. Martin, St. Olave, St. Peter the Great, St. Peter the Less, St. Pancras, St. Bartholomew, New Fishbourn, and Wike, <i>alias</i> Rumboldswick.	<i>Wm.</i> Chichester.
1607	Chute and Chisenbury.	Prebendal Court. Jurisdiction extends over the parishes of Chute and Winterbourne Dantsey, and the tithing of Chisenbury in the parish of Endford.	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.
1671	Cliffe.	Peculiar Court.	Principal Registry.
1500	Colchester.	Archdeaconry Court. Jurisdiction extends over the following parishes : Abberton, Alresford, Ardleigh, Bradwell, Great and Little Braxted, West Bergholt, Great and Little Birch, Boxted, Bures Mount, Beaumont, Great and Little Bentley, Bradfield, Great and Little Bromley.	Principal Registry.

* Indexes to the Wills in this Court, 1545—1760, have been printed by THE RECORD SOCIETY, Vols. II., IV., XV., XVIII., XX., XXII., and XXV. The Chetham Society has printed a number of Wills from this Court in its Vols. XXXIII., LI., LIV., and New Series, Vols. III. and XXVIII., with the title "Lancashire and Cheshire Wills and Inventories from the Ecclesiastical Court, Chester."

† A Calendar of these Grants will be found in THE RECORD SOCIETY'S publications mentioned in note *.

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		<p>Coggeshall, St. Botolph, St. Giles, St. James, St. Leonard, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Nicholas, St. Peter, St. Rumbald, and All Saints Colchester, Colne Knights, Colne Engayne, Colne Wake, Colne White, Cressing.</p> <p>Dedham, Dovercourt with Harwich.</p> <p>East Donniland, East Thorpe, Elmstead.</p> <p>Fairsted, Falkbourne, Feering, Fingrinhoe, Fordham, Fraiting, Frinton.</p> <p>Goldhanger with Little Totham, Grinstead.</p> <p>Hatfield Peverell, Great and Little Horkesley, Great Holland. Inworth.</p> <p>Kelvedon <i>alias</i> Easterford.</p> <p>Lagenhoe, Langford, Langham, Laver Bretton, Laver de la Hay, Laver Marney, Lawford.</p> <p>St. Michael, Mile End, Marks-hall, Messing, East and West Mersey, Manningtree, Mistley, Mose. Black and White Notley.</p> <p>Great and Little Oakley.</p> <p>Pattiswick, Peldon, Pontsbright. Ramsey, Rivenhall.</p> <p>Salcot Virley, Stanway.</p> <p>Terling, Trinity, Tollesbury, Tolleshunt Major, Tolleshunt Darcy, Tolleshunt Knights, Great Totham, Great and Little Tay, Marks Tay, Tendring, Thorington, Thundersley.</p> <p>Ulting.</p> <p>West Donniland, Witham, Wigborough with Salcot Wigborough, Little Wigborough, Wivenhoe, Wormingfood, Wicks, Weeley, Wrabnes.</p> <p><i>See</i> London, Consistory Court.</p>	
1746	Cold Kirby.	Manorial Court.	Unknown.
1684	Colwich.	<p>Prebendal Court.</p> <p>Jurisdiction extends over Colwich and Frodswell. <i>See</i> Lichfield, Consistory Court, <i>note</i>.</p>	Lichfield.





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1647	Compton Bishop.	Prebendal Court.	Wells.
1678	Compton Dundon.	Prebendal Court.	Wells.
1687	Coombe and Harn- ham.	Prebendal Court.	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.
1732	Corfe Castle.	Peculiar Court.	Blandford.
1569	Cornwall.	Consistorial Archidiaconal Court. Lanhydrock and Temple, are said to be peculiars exempt from this Jurisdiction. Also such of the peculiars of the Bishop, and Dean and Chapter of Exeter as are in co. Cornwall. Part of Padstow is in this Jurisdiction. <i>See</i> Exeter.	Bodmin.
1632	Corring- ham.	Prebendal Court.	Lincoln.
1713	Corsham.	Peculiar Court. No Wills proved after 1814.	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.
	Coventry.	<i>See</i> Lichfield and Coventry.	
	Crake.	Peculiar Court. The Records of this Court are with those of the Consistory Court of Durham.	Durham.
	Great Cressing- ham.	Peculiar Court. Included in the Archdeaconry Court of Norwich.	Norwich.

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1610	Crossley, Bingley, and Pudsey.	Manorial Courts. No Wills proved after 1795.	Wakefield.
1602	Croydon.	Peculiar Courts for the Deaneries of the Arches, London, Shoreham, and Croydon. Croydon jurisdiction extends over the parishes of Harrow, with the chapel of Pinner, and Hayes, with the chapel of Norwood. Also over Burstow, Barnes, Charlwood, Cheam, Croydon, East Horsley, Merstham, Mortlake, St. Mary Newington, with Trinity Church Newington, and St. Peter's Walworth, Putney, and Wimble- don, co. Surrey.	Principal Registry.
1626	Cudworth.	Prebendal Court. Jurisdiction extends over parishes of Cudworth and Knowle.	Wells.
1753	Dale Abbey.	Manor Court. <i>See</i> Lichfield, Consistory Court, <i>note.</i>	Derby.
1600	St. David's.	Consistorial Episcopal Court of Carmarthen. Jurisdiction extends over the Archdeaconry of Carmarthen, but Wills from other parts of the diocese were frequently proved in it.	Carmar- then.
1746	St. David's.	Consistorial Episcopal Court of the Archdeaconries of St. David's and Cardigan.	Carmar- ther..
1636	St. Decu- man's.	Prebendal Court.	Wells.









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1650	Delegates.	Court of Delegates. This is a Court of Appeal from the Provincial Courts of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and their Peculiars, and from the Courts of Royal Peculiars.	Principal Registry. (Processes are deposited in the Public Record Office.)
1586	Dorchester.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over parishes of Bensington, Chiselhampton, Clifton, Dorchester, Marsh Baldon, Nettlebed with Pishel, Stadhampton, Toot Baldon, and Warborough, co. Oxford.	Principal Registry.
1568	Dorset.	Archdeaconry Court.*	Blandford.
1540	Durham.†	Consistory Court. Jurisdiction extends over the co. of Durham, co. of Northumberland (except Hexhamshire), the Borough of Berwick on Tweed, and parish of Alston, co. Cumberland.	Durham. <i>Calendar of Soc. Gen.</i>
1634	Durnford.	Prebendal Court.	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.
	East Harptree.	<i>See Harptree, East.</i>	
1660	Easton in Gordano.	Prebendal Court.	Wells.

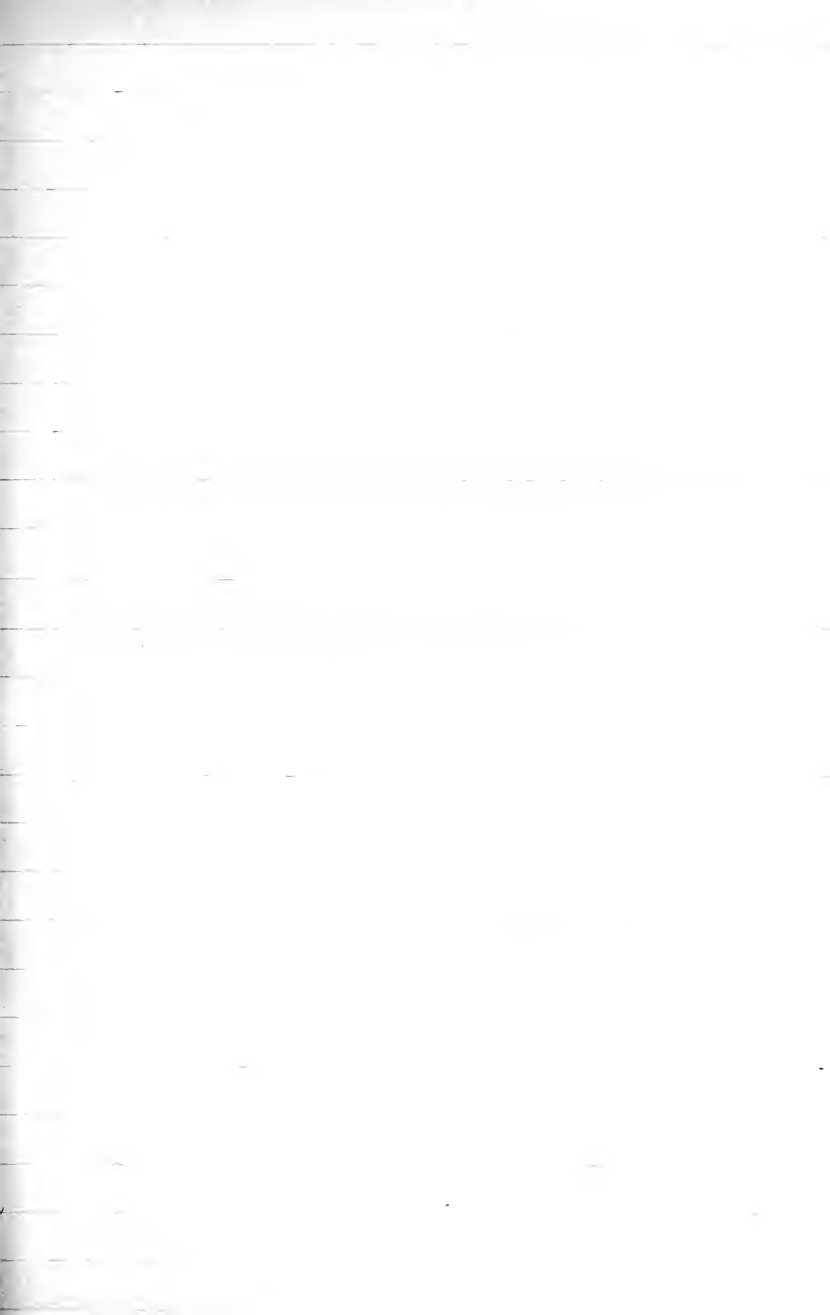
* Calendar of Dorset Wills and Administrations, 1681—1792. British Record Society, Index Library. *In progress.*

† The Surtees Society has printed two volumes of Wills and Inventories selected from those preserved at Durham, ranging from 1311—1599, being Vols. 2 and 38 of that Society's publications.

The Wills printed in this series prior to 1540 are taken from the Registers of the Dean and Chapter of Durham. There are many Allertonshire Wills among these archives. For this information I am indebted to Mr. C. M. Carlton, of Durham.

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1681	Eccleshall.	<p>Prebendal Court.</p> <p>Jurisdiction extends over Eccleshall, Charnes, Millmeece, Gerard's Bromley, Chadshall, Chorlton, Broughton, Aspley, Wetwood, Coates, Slindon, Croxton, Podmore, Pershall, Sugnall, Walton, Horsley, Fair oak, Biana, Johnson, Gratwood, and Coldmeece. <i>See</i> Lichfield, Consistory Court, <i>note</i>.</p>	Lichfield.
1658	Ellesmere, Colemere, Hampton, and Town and Liberties of Ellesmere.	Manor Courts.	Shrewsbury.
1449	Ely.*	<p>Consistory Court.</p> <p>Three Indexes, 1449-1858. Jurisdiction extends over the whole Diocese except those parishes which are in the Archdeaconry of Ely.</p>	Peterborough.
1451	Ely.	<p>Consistory Court of the Archdeacon.</p> <p>Includes the Town of Cambridge.</p>	Peterborough.
1748	Empingham.	<p>Peculiar Court.</p> <p>There are sixty-nine Wills proved between 1669 and 1774 in the Registry of the Bishop and Dean and Chapter at Lincoln.</p>	Peterborough.
1400	Essex.	<p>Archdeaconry Court.</p> <p>Jurisdiction extends over the following parishes:</p> <p>Aveley, Asheldam.</p> <p>Barking, Bobbingworth, North and South Benfleet, Bowers Gifford, Bulpham, Great Burstead, Billerica, Bradwell juxta Mare,</p>	Principal Registry.

* A considerable number of Wills are preserved among the Ely Episcopal Records in the muniment room of the Palace at Ely. For notes and calendars of these, *See* "Ely Episcopal Records," by A. Gibbons, F.S.A. Lincoln, 1891, 8vo., pp. 15-18, 193-223, 432.





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		<p>Burnham, Great and Little Baddow, Blackmore, Boreham, Broomfield, Buttsbury. Chigwell, Childerditch, Cran- ham, Chaldwell, Corringham, Canewdon, Cricksea, Chignal St. Mary, Chignal Smeley. Dagenham, Doddingtonhurst, Downham, Dunton, Dengy, Dan- bury. East Ham, Eastwood. Fifield, Fobbing, North and South Fambridge, Frierning. Grinsted. Horndon on the Hill, East and West Horndon, Hadley, Hutton, Hawkeswell, Hockleigh, Hase- leigh, East, West, and South Hanningfield. Ingrave, Little Ilford, Ingate- stone. Kelvedon Hatch. Lambourne, High Laver, Mag- dalen Laver, Little Laver, Lain- don Hills, Leigh, St. Lawrence, Great Leighs, Little Leighs. Moreton, Mucking, Maldon All Saints and St. Peters, Mundon, Margaretting, Mountnessing. Norton Mandevill, Northweald Basset, Nevendon, Cold Norton. High Ongar, Chipping Ongar, North and South Ockendon. Pitsea Paglesham, Prittlewell, Purley. Abbots Rooding, Belchamp Rooding, Rainham, Belhouse Ramsden, Crays Ramsden, Raleigh, Rawreth, Rochford, Rettendon, Runwell. Shelley, Abbots Stapleford, Stapleford Tawney, Stanford Rivers, Stondon Massey, South- weald with Brentwood, Stifford, Shenfield, Stanford le Hope, North and South Shobury, Shop- land, Great and Little Stambridge, Sutton, Snoreham, Steeple with Stansgate, Stow Maries, Sandon, Springfield, Stock. Theydon Bois, Theydon Garnon, Theydon Mount, Grays Thurrock, Little Thurrock, Thundersley, East and West Tilbury.</p>	

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1514	Essex and Hertford- shire.	<p>Upminster, Vange. Wanstead, West Ham, Great and Little Warley, Wennington, Wickford, Great and Little Wakering, Woodham Mortimer, Woodham Walters, Great and Little Waltham, Widford, Wood- ham Ferrers. <i>See</i> London, Consistory Court.</p> <p>Commissary Court. Jurisdiction extends over the following parishes : Arkesdon, Ashdon, Aldham, Ashingdon, Althorpe. Little Burstard, Barnston, Bel- champ Walter, Birdbrook, Brain- tree, Brundon, Bulmer, Bright- lingsea, Great and Little Bard- field, Bumstead Helion, Bearden, Birchanger. Chelmsford, Great Canfield, Chickney, Coptford, Great and Little Clacton, Chick St. Osyth, Great and Little Chesterford, Great and Little Chishall, Claver- ing with the Chapel of Langley, Creshall. Debden. Great and Little Easton, Elsen- ham, Elmdon. Foulness, Farnham. Gestingthorpe. Hatfield Regis, Halstead, Sible Hedingham, Little Holland, Had- stock, Henham, Haydon, Little Hallingbury. Laindon with Basildon, Latton, Lamarsh, Liston, Lexden, Little- bury. Mayland, Matching, Little Maplestead, Middleton, St. Mary Magdalen Colchester, Manudon. Netteswell, Newport. Orsett. Pleshy, Great and Little Parn- don, Pentloe. Quendon. Rooding Eythorp, Rooding Lea- don, Ridgwell, Radwinter, Rick- ling. Southminster, Shellow Bowells, Great Saling, Shalford, Stam-</p>	Principal Registry.





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		<p>bourne, Stebbing, Sturmer, Great Samford with Hemsted, Little Samford, Stansted Mountfichet, Strethall.</p> <p>West Thurrock, Thaxted, Titty, Toppesfield, Takeley.</p> <p>Ugley.</p> <p>Willingale Doe, Bishops' Wickham, Wicken Bonant, Walden, Widdington, Great and Little Wendon, Wendon Lofts.</p> <p>Little Yeldham.</p> <p>In the County of Herts:</p> <p>Broxbourne with Hoddesdon, Great with Little Hadham, Little Hornead, Royston, Bishop's Stortford.</p> <p>See London, Commissary Court, and Consistory Court.</p>	
1571	Essex.	<p>Court of the Commissary of the Soken.</p> <p>Jurisdiction extends over the parishes of Kirkby-le-Soken, Walton-le-Soken, and Thorpe-le-Soken.</p>	Ipswich.
....	Eton College.	<p>Peculiar Court.</p> <p>No Wills after 1748.</p>	Eton College.
1528	Evesham.	<p>Peculiar Court.</p> <p>A small fol. vol. of transcripts 1528-1537. A list of Wills is at the beginning.</p>	Worcester.
1581	Evington.	Manorial Court.	Leicester.
1400	Exeter.	Episcopal Principal Registry.*	Exeter.
1557	Exeter.	<p>Consistorial Court.</p> <p>This Court has jurisdiction over the whole diocese of Exeter where there are not <i>bona notabilia</i> with-</p>	Exeter.

* The Bishops' Books at Exeter contain Wills. In the "Register of Edmund Stafford," edited by F. C. H. Randolph, London, 1886, 8vo, pp. 379-424, sixty Exeter Wills will be found, ranging from 1397-1415.

In "Register Walter Bronescombe," edited by F. C. H. Randolph, London, 1889, 8vo, See Wills at pp. 283, 443.

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		<p>in two or more jurisdictions within it, and exclusively over the following thirty-seven parishes, called the Peculiars of the Bishop:</p> <p>In co. Devon :</p> <p>Chudleigh, Bishops' Teignton, West Teignmouth, Paington, Marldon, Stoke Gabriel, Crediton, Kennerleigh, Morchard Bishop, Sandford, Swimbridge, Landkey, Bishops' Tawton, Bishops' Nympton.</p> <p>In co. Cornwall :</p> <p>Lezant, Lawhitton, Trewen, South Petherwyn, St. Breock, St. Issey, Padstow (part of), St. Eval, St. Merin, Little Petherick, St. Ervan, Egloshayle, Penryn, St. Gluvias, Guerrans, Budock, Mylor, Mabe, St. Anthony, Falmouth, St. Germans, Landrake, St. Erney.</p>	
. . . .	Exeter.	<p>Consistory Court of the Dean and Chapter.</p> <p>Jurisdiction extends over thirty Peculiars in the diocese of Exeter, viz. : Ashburton, Bickington, Buckland in the Moor, Branscombe, Colyton, Coffinswell, Culmstock, Colebrooke, Clist-Honiton, Dawlish, East Teignmouth, Exmouth, Heavitree, Ide, Kingskerswell, Littleham, Monkton, St. Marychurch, Stoke Canon, Sidbury, Salcombe, Shute, Staverton, and Topsham, in Devon; and St. Agnes, Boconnock, Broad Oak, St. Nighton, Perranzabuloe, and St. Winnow, in Cornwall.</p>	Exeter.
1540	Exeter.	<p>Archdeaconry Court.</p> <p>Jurisdiction extends over all the parishes in the Archdeaconry except Crediton, Kennerleigh, Morchard Bishop, Sandford, Chudleigh, Bishop's Teignton, and West Teignmouth, which are peculiars of the Bishop; and Branscombe, Colyton, Culmstock,</p>	Exeter.





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		Colebrooke, Clist-Honiton, Dawlish, East Teignmouth, Exmouth, Heavitree, Ide, Littleham, Stoke Canon, Sidbury, Salcombe, Shute, and Topsham, which are peculiars of the Dean and Chapter.	
1632	Exeter.	Peculiar Court of the Dean. Jurisdiction extends over the parish of Braunton, and the Close of the Cathedral.	Exeter.
1633	Exeter.	Peculiar Court of the Vicars Choral. Jurisdiction is over the parish of Woodbury, co. Devon.	Exeter.
1730	Faringdon.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over the parish of Faringdon with Chapel of Little Coxwell.	Principal Registry.
....	Fawley with Exbury Chapel.	Peculiar Court.	Winchester.
1544	Fenton.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over parishes of Fenton and Sherburn. Separate Index begins in 1617.	York.
1721	Fladbury.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over the parish of Fladbury, and the chapelries of Wyre - Piddle, Throckmorton, Stock, and Bradley.	Worcester.
1660	Forthington.	Prebendal Court.	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.
1660	Gillingham.	Royal Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over Gillingham, with the chapelry of Motcombe, and Tything of Bourton.	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.

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1509	Gloucester.	Consistory Court.*	Gloucester.
1645	Gnosall.	Peculiar and Manorial Court. <i>See</i> Lichfield, Consistory Court, <i>note.</i>	Lichfield.
1613	Good Easter.	Peculiar Court.	Principal Registry.
1684	Gretton.	Prebendal Court. Jurisdiction extends over parishes of Gretton and Duddington.	Lincoln.
1739	Gringley on the Hill.	Manorial Court.† Jurisdiction extends over Gringley on the Hill, Misterton, West Stockwith, and Walkeringham. The Index of Wills is from 1739 to 1855, and is called "Bawtry Manor Court, or Gringley on the Hill."	Notting- ham.
1565	Groby.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over part of parish of Glenfield, the township of Ansty, the parishes of Ratby, Newtown-Linford, with part of Charnwood Forest, and Swith- land; the Park of Bradgate, and Holgate Ward; the townships of Cropston, and Stanton-under- Bardon, or parts of them.	Leicester.
1615	Halton.	Manor Court.‡ No Wills after 1815.	Lancaster.

* About 92 Wills (including testators from co.'s Warwick and Worcester) exist from 1509. From 1541 to 1683 the calendars give the names of Testators in alphabetical order of their Christian names, and after 1683 are in the form of Act Books with an index of surnames at the end. At the end of the second vol. of Index is an "Index of Wills for divers years" (*circa* 1549—1700). Calendar of Gloucestershire Wills, 1541—1650, Bristol Record Society, Index Library. *In Progress.* See "Gloucestershire Notes and Queries," Vol. v., p. 45, etc.

† There are Wills and Adm'ons of this Court from 1658, enrolled on the Court Rolls, which are in the custody of Messrs. Cartwright and Walker, of Bawtry. Some earlier Court Rolls are in possession of the Society of Anti-
quaries.

‡ A List of Wills proved in the Peculiar of Halton, 1615—1792, will be found in Vol. xxiii. of the publications of the Record Society.







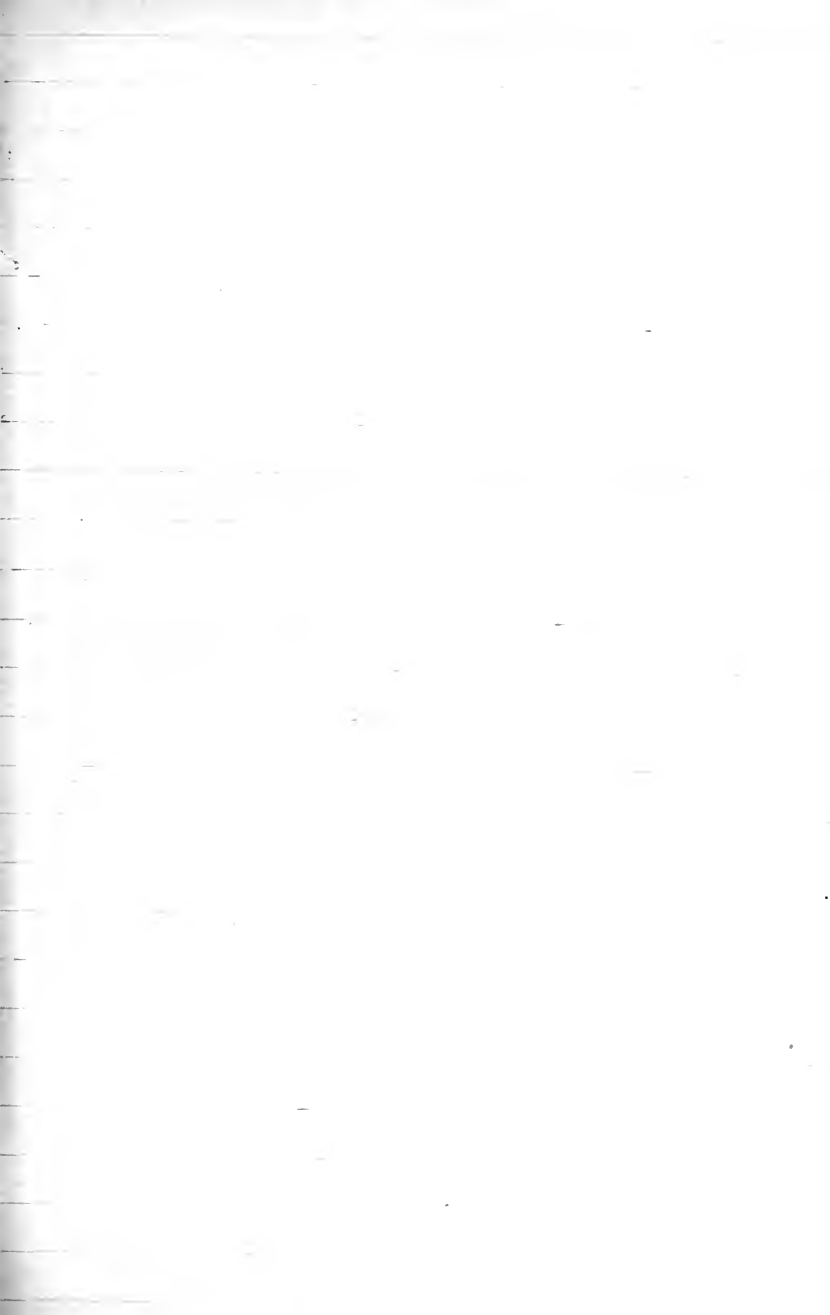
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1593	Hampton Lucy.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over parishes of Alveston, Charlcote, and Was-perton. The Records of this Court at Worcester begin in 1712. <i>See</i> Lichfield, Consistory Court, <i>note</i> .	Lichfield, and Worcester.
1720	Hanbury.	Peculiar Court.	Worcester.
1679	Handsacre and Armitage.	Prebendal Court. Jurisdiction extends over Handsacre, Armitage, Hints, and Norton. <i>See</i> Lichfield, Consistory Court, <i>note</i> .	Lichfield.
1657	Harptree, East.	Prebendal Court.	Wells.
1679	Hartington.	Deanery Court.* Jurisdiction extends over Hartington and Earl Sterndale.	Lichfield.
1720	Hartlebury.	Peculiar Court.	Worcester.
1558	Hawarden.	Peculiar Court.	St. Asaph.
1676	Hazlebury.	Prebendal Court.	Wells.
1677	Hens- tridge.	Prebendal Court.	Wells.
1517	Hereford.	Consistorial Court of the Bishop.† There are indexes down to letter E which are general searches putting all the wills of a name together, and these include the peculiars also.	Hereford.

* May, 1891. More Wills have been found in the church chest, and sent to Lichfield, and separately indexed. *See* Lichfield, Consistory Court, *note*.

† Some Montgomeryshire Wills proved in this Court will be found noted in the Collections of the Powysland Club. Vol. xvii., Part I.; xix., Part I., and the work is still in progress.

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1558	Hereford.	Consistorial Court of the Dean. Jurisdiction extends over the parishes of Allensmore, Clehonger, Breinton, Brockhampton, Canon Pyon, Dewsall, Dinedor, Eaton Bishop, Hampton Bishop, Holmer, Huntington, Kingstone, Thruxton, Madley, Tiberton, Marden, Moreton Jeffreys, Norton Canon, Putley, Preston upon Wye, Blakemore, Pipe, Woolhope, Withington, and Preston Wynne, co. Hereford; and All Saints and St. Martin, St. Peter and St. Owen, St. Nicholas, St. John Baptist, in the city of Hereford. There is a good Calendar of Wills and Adm'ons from 1558-1858.	Hereford.
1662	Little Hereford with Ashford Carbonell.	Peculiar Court. This Court is appendant to the Court of the Chancellor of the Choir of the Cathedral of Hereford.	Hereford.
	Hertfordshire.	<i>See Essex.</i> There are two Registers of Hertfordshire Wills at Peterborough, 1586-1608, and 1595-1600.	<i>now at Principal Registry</i>
1669	Heydour with Walton.	Prebendal Court. Jurisdiction extends over parish of Heydour and townships of Kelby and Culverthorpe.	Lincoln.
....	Higham Ferrers.	The corporation of this town granted probates. See Hist. MSS. Commission 12 th Rept. App. part ix., p. 530; where are notes of some of them.	
....	High Offley and Flixton.	Prebendal Court. <i>See Lichfield, Consistory Court, note.</i>	Lichfield.

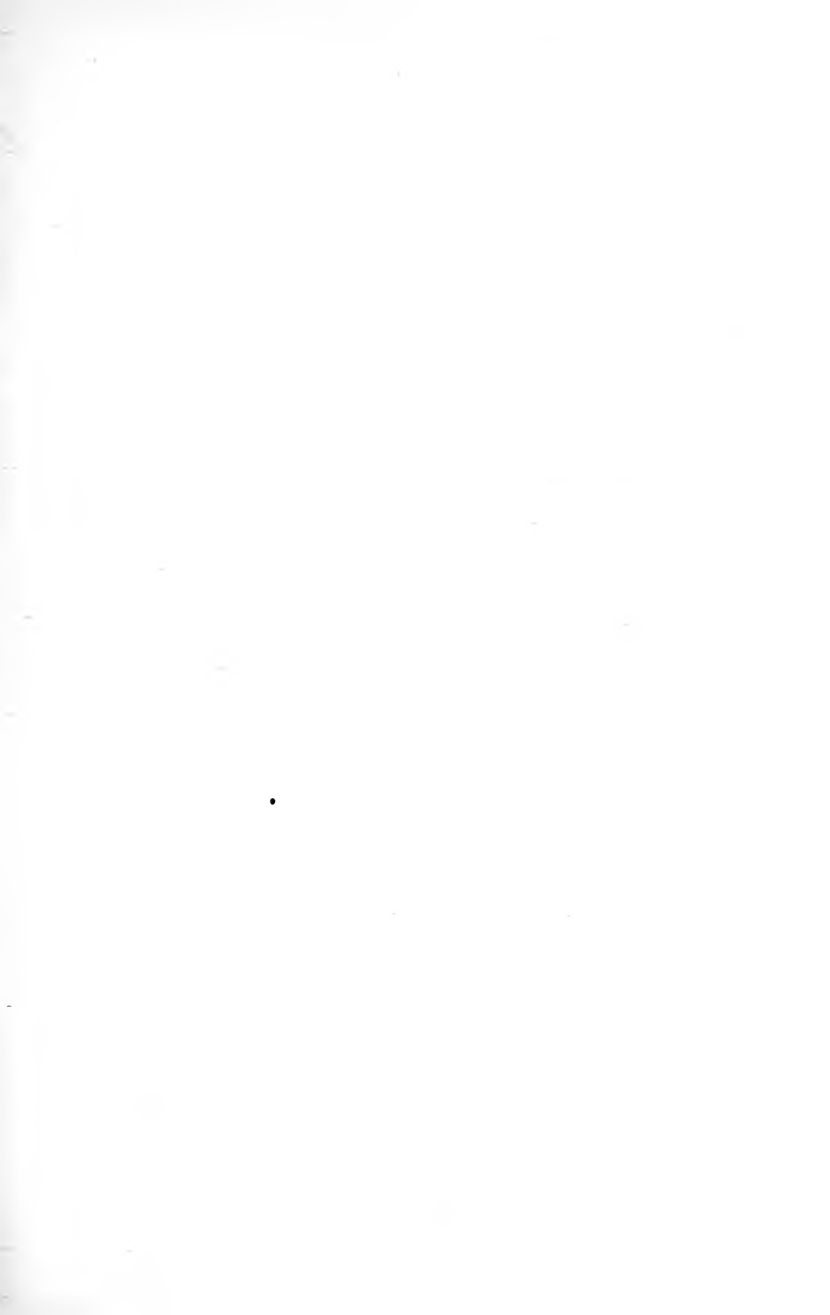


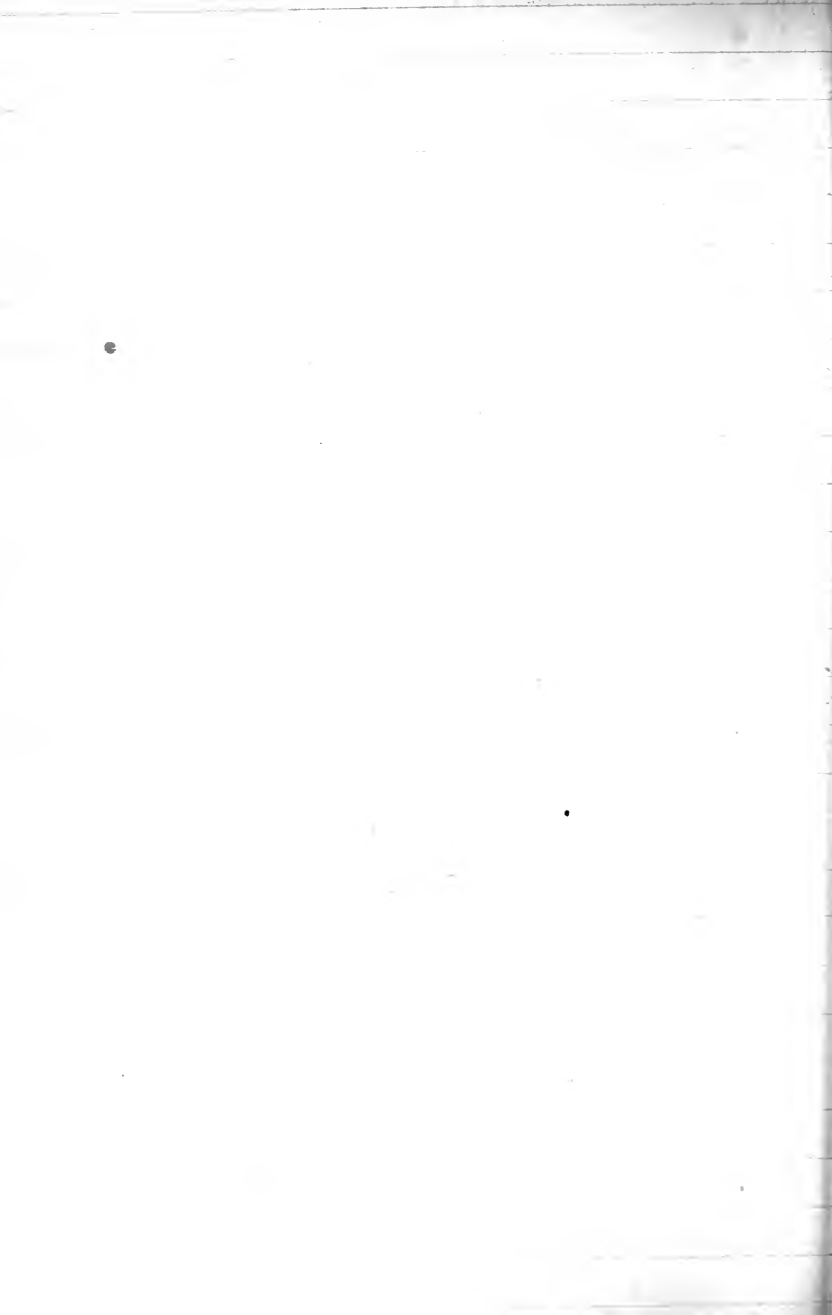


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1623	Highworth.	Prebendal Court. Jurisdiction extends over parish of Highworth, with the chapels of South Marston, Sevenhampton, and Broad Blunsden.	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.
1559	Holme.	Prebendal Court. Jurisdiction extends over the parish of Witherwick. Separate Index begins in 1663.	York.
1772	Horn-church and Havering-atte-Bower.	Peculiar Court. Only one Will known to exist, which was proved 25 Nov., 1772.	New College, Oxford.
1555	Howden, Howden-shire, and Hemingborough.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over Howden, Laxton, Barmby Marsh, Blacktoft, Eastington, Hemingborough, Barby, Holtby, Skipwith, Brantingham, Ellerker, Welton, and Walkington. The earliest Act Book begins in 1622. There is a bundle endorsed "Wills of persons dying in the peculiar of Howdenshire found in Prerogative Office" 1598-1624. An Index to them is in the bundle.	York.
1607	Hunsingore.	Manor Court.	Principal Registry.
1479	Huntingdon.	Archdeaconry Court. This Court includes the Commissary of the Bishop of Lincoln and the Court of the Official of the Archdeacon within the Archdeaconry. Jurisdiction extends over the County of Huntingdon, except the parishes of Buckden, Brampton, Leighton Bromswood, Spaldwick, Stow, Little Catworth, Barham and Euston, which are peculiars under the Prebendaries.	Peterborough.

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1557	Huntingdon.	Archdeaconry Court (Hitchin portion). Jurisdiction extends over that part which is in co. Hertford, and in- cludes 77 parishes.	Principal Registry.
1633	Husthwaite.	Prebendal Court. Separate Index begins in 1661.	York.
1258	Husting.	Court of Husting.* No Wills after 1693.	Guildhall, London.
1690	Ilminster.	Royal Peculiar Court.	Taunton.
1678	Ilton.	Prebendal Court.	Wells.
1525	Isleham and Freck- enham.	Peculiar Court.	Peter- borough.
1729	St. Kathe- rine (London).	Royal Peculiar Court. No Wills after 1825.	Principal Registry.
....	Nether Kellet.	Manorial Court. <i>See "Returns of Ecclesiastical Courts" ordered by the House of Commons to be printed, 26 March, 1830, p. 131, where it is stated that T. B. Cole was then Lord of the Manor, and had the Wills in his custody. A Will was proved as late as 1807, and I presume the Wills must remain in the hands of the heirs or assigns of Mr. Cole.</i>	Unknown.
1574	Ketton.	Prebendal Court. Jurisdiction extends over parish of Ketton and hamlet of Tixover.	Leicester.
1668	Kingsbury Episcopi.	Peculiar Court of the Chan- cellor.	Wells.

* Calendar of Wills proved in the Husting, London. Edited by R. R. Sharpe, 1258—1358, Part I., London, 1889, 8vo. The same 1358—1688, Part ii., London, 1890, 8vo.





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	King's College.	<i>See</i> Cambridge.	
1730	Kinoulton.	Peculiar Court. Index begins in 1730.	Notting- ham and York.
1752	Kirkstead.	Manor Court. No Wills after 1799. Jurisdiction extends over Kirkstead, Mear- booth, Tattershall, Tattershall Thorpe, Kirkby-on-Baine, and Woodhall.	Unknown.
1535	Kirton in Lindsey.	Peculiar Court.	Lincoln.
1640	Knares- borough.	Honour Court. Jurisdiction extends over the parish, forest, and borough of Knaresborough, the parishes of Hampsthwaite, Hewston, Burton Leonard, Farnham, Great Ouse- burn, Pannal, Staveley, Stainley with Cayton, and their townships; and over the townships of Castley, Clint, Coneythorpe, Dunkeswick, Haverah Park, Killinghall, Lind- ley, Plompton, Little Ribston, Rigton, Swindon, Stainburn, and Weeton.	Principal Registry.
1726	Knowle.	Manor Court. <i>See</i> Lichfield, Consistory Court, <i>note</i> .	Birming- ham.
1312	Lambeth.	A considerable number of Wills and Adm'ons of persons dying within the Province of Canterbury are preserved in the Library of the Archbishop at Lambeth. These have been indexed in "The Genealogist," WILLS, Vol. v., 211, 324; vi., 23, 127, 217; ADM'ONS, Vol. vii., 204, 271; New Series, I., 80.	Lambeth, in Arch- bishop's Library.

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1607	Langford.	Peculiar Court.	Principal Registry.
1520	Langtoft.	Prebendal Court. Jurisdiction extends over parishes of Langtoft, North Grimston, and Cottam. Separate Index begins in 1647.	York.
1612	Laughton-en-le-Morthen.	<i>See</i> York. Peculiar Court of the Chancellorship, etc.	York.
1491	Leicester.	Commissary Court of the Bishop of Lincoln for Archdeaconry, and Court of the Archdeacon. Jurisdiction extends over the County of Leicester, except the peculiars of St. Margaret's in Leicester, Evington, Rothley, Groby, and old Dalby.	Leicester.
1556	Leicester, St. Margaret.	Prebendal Court. Jurisdiction extends over St. Margaret's Leicester, and chapelry of Knighton.	Leicester.
1736	Leighton Buzzard.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over parish of Leighton Buzzard and hamlets of Heath and Reach, Egginton, Standbridge, and Billington.	Principal Registry, and Northampton.
1738	Leighton Bromswood.	Peculiar Court.	Peterborough.
1541	Lewes.	Consistory Court.* Jurisdiction extends over the Archdeaconry of Lewes.	Lewes.

* A Calendar of the Wills registered in Book I., 1541—1549, by F. W. T. Attree, will be found in "Sussex Archaeological Collections," Vol. xxxii., pp. 123—140. Sussex Wills and Administrations (Calendars). British Record Society, Index Library.—*In Progress*.





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1527	Lichfield, and Coventry.	Consistory Court.*	Lichfield.
1510	Lichfield.	Dean and Chapters' Court.† Jurisdiction extends over Bake- well, Ashford, Beighley, Longston, Fairfield, Chapel en le Frith, Baslow, Tideswell, Hope, Wormhill, Chelmorton, Buxton, Taddington, Moniash, Kniveton, Sheldon, Peak Forest, Arley, Can- nock, Rugeley, Farewell, Har- borne, Lichfield Close, Edgbaston, and Smethwick; and during their inhibition over Sawley, Risley, Wilne, Long Eaton, Breaston, Whittington, Baswich, Acton Trussell, Bednoll, Alrewas, Bromley Regis, Edingale, Mave- syn Ridware, Pipe Ridware, Weeford, Swinfen, Thickbroom, Hansacre, Armitage, Hints, Norton, High Offley, Flixton, Colwick, Frodeswell, Itchington, Chadshunt, Gaydon, Longdon, Prees, Whixall, Calverhall, Tipton, St. Chad Stafford, Tachbrook, Uffton ex parte Decani, and Uffton ex parte Cantoris. Among the muniments belonging to the Dean and Chapter (<i>See</i> Dr. Cox's Catalogue, p. 97) are three vols. containing matters relating to Wills, numbered xviii., xxi., and xxii. Mr. Gresley, who has the custody of them, cannot find Vol. xviii., which contains some Wills 1461-1466. Vol. xxi. is a calendar of Wills, etc., of which originals do not exist 1505-1611. Vol. xxii. is a folio consisting of transcripts of Wills 1665-1762.	Lichfield.

* Calendars of Wills and Administrations in Consistory Court, Lichfield, 1516-1652, and those in Peculiars at Lichfield, Birmingham, and Derby, 1529-1652, 1675-1790, 1753-1790. British Record Society, Index Library, Vol. vii., London, 1892, 8vo. Since this work was published new Calendars have been made which correct it, so that it cannot now be relied upon. There is also a new Calendar to the Peculiars at Lichfield 1510-1858, which includes the Wills in the Peculiars at Birmingham and Shrewsbury all in one alphabetical arrangement.

† *See* Consistory Court, *note*.

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1570	Lichfield.	Peculiar Court of the Dean.* Jurisdiction extends over Adbaston, Brewood, St. Mary, St. Chad, and St. Michael Lichfield, Hammerwich, Hasleour, and Stotfold.	Lichfield.
1669	Liddington.	Prebendal Court. Jurisdiction extends over parish of Liddington and township of Caldecott.	Leicester.
1320	Lincoln.	Consistory Court. Commissary Court. Archdeacon's Court. The proceedings of these three are not separately preserved.†	Lincoln.
1505	Lincoln.	Commissary Court of Bishop, and Court of Archdeacon of Stow.	Lincoln.
1271	Lincoln.	Court of Dean and Chapter. Jurisdiction extends over St. Margaret and St. Mary Magdalen in the Close of Lincoln; St. Nicholas and St. John in the city of Lincoln; Asgarby, Binbrook, St. Gabriel, North and South Carlton, Dunholme, Dalby,	Lincoln.

* See Consistory Court, *note*.

† The Wills transferred to the District Registry of the Court of Probate at Lincoln do not extend further back than 1507. Prior to this date they are in the Bishops' Books.

Abstracts of a considerable number of Lincolnshire Wills have been printed by the Rev. A. R. Maddison, entitled "Lincolnshire Wills," First Series, 1500—1600.—Lincoln, 1888, 8vo. Second Series, 1600—1617.—Lincoln, 1891, 8vo.

The Testamentary Records in the Bishops' Books at Lincoln commence with Commissions for Probate in 1280; the Wills themselves do not occur till 1320. Mr. Alfred Gibbons has printed "An Abstract of all the Wills and Administrations Recorded in the Episcopal Registers of the Old Diocese of Lincoln, 1280—1547."—Lincoln, 1888, 8vo. Also "An Index to the Wills and Administrations Recorded in the Episcopal Registers at Lincoln, 1280—1547."—Lincoln, 1887, 8vo. In his Preface to the former work he gives a very succinct account of the Wills now remaining at Lincoln, which the reader should study, and in the "Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica," New Series, iii. 59, a list of "Some unindexed Wills at Lincoln," 1560—1640.





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		Friesthorpe, Glentham, Hainton, North Kelsey, Melton Ross, Strubby, Skillington, Screddington, Scamblesby, Searby, Thurlby, Welton, Wellingore, and South-ray, all in co. Lincoln. There are several Wills of persons dying within the Peculiars of the Prebendaries of Lincoln preserved and indexed with the Wills in this Court. Before 1534, the Dean and Chapter's Wills are in their Muniment Room, not having been transferred to the Court of Probate.*	
....	Lineal.	Manorial Court.†	Shrewsbury.
1710	Linton on Ouse.	Peculiar Court. Index begins in 1710.	York.
1661	Litton.	Prebendal Court.	Wells.
1590	Llandaff.	Consistorial Court.	Llandaff.
1361	London.	Consistory Court. This Court has a concurrent jurisdiction with all the several Archdeaconry Courts within the diocese, as also with the Commissory Courts of London, and Essex and Herts.	Principal Registry.
1374	London.	Commissary Court. The jurisdiction of this Court extends over fifty parishes in the city of London, forty-three in the county of Middlesex, and eight in the county of Essex, viz.:—St. Alban Wood Street, All Hallows	Principal Registry. <i>Adm'ns not calendared</i>

* Mr. Gibbons (preface to "Wills, etc., of Old Diocese of Lincoln") states that there are "a large number of early Wills, ranging from 1283 to 1550, in the Muniment Room of the Dean and Chapter," and that a "MS. Register of Lincoln City Wills of the fourteenth century has recently been found in the Cathedral Library." A Calendar of Wills and Adm'ons in the Court of the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln, 1534—1780, is being issued with "Notes on the Visitation of Lincolnshire, 1634." By A. Gibbons, Lincoln, 1890, etc., 8vo. *In Progress.*

† Included in Ellesmere?

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		<p>Barking, Allhallows Honey Lane, Allhallows Staining, St. Andrew Hubbard, St. Andrew Undershaft, St. Ann Blackfriars, St. Antholin, St. Bennet Fink, St. Bennet Gracechurch, St. Bennet Paul's-wharf, St. Bennet Sherehog, St. Botolph Bishopsgate, St. Botolph Billingsgate, St. Brides, St. Christopher - le - Stocks, St. Clement Eastcheap, St. Dunstan in the West, St. Edmund the King, St. Gabriel Fenchurch, St. George Botolph-lane, St. James Duke's-place, St. James Garlike-hythe, St. Catherine Cree Church, St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Lawrence Pountney, St. Leonard Foster-lane, St. Margaret New Milk Street, St. Margaret Pattens, St. Martin Ironmonger-lane, St. Martin Orgars, St. Martin Outwich, St. Martin Vintry, St. Mary Aldermanbury, St. Mary Magdalen Milk-street, St. Mary Woolchurch, St. Matthew Friday-street, St. Michael Cornhill, St. Michael Wood-street, St. Mildred Breadstreet, St. Mildred Poultry, St. Nicholas Acons, St. Nicholas Cole-abbey, St. Nicholas Olave, St. Olave Jewry, St. Peter Paul's-wharf, St. Peter-le-Poor, St. Stephen Coleman - street, St. Sepulchre, St. Swithin.</p> <p>In the County of Middlesex: St. Ann Limehouse, Acton, Bow, Bromley St. Leonard, Christ Church Spitalfields, Cowley, Ealing, Edmonton, Enfield, Edgware, Finchley, Fulham, St. Giles in the Fields, St. George Bloomsbury, St. George in the East, Greenford Magna, Greenford Parva, Hackney, Hammer-smith, Hadleigh, Hanworth, Hampstead, Harefield, Hendon, Hornsey, Islington, St. John Wapping, Ickenham, Kingsbury, St. Matthew Bethnal-green, St. Mary-le-bone, St. Mary White-chapel, Northall, Paddington, St. Paul Shadwell, Poplar, Rislip, South Mimms, Stanmore Magna,</p>	







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1393	London.	<p>Stanmore Parva, Stepney, Teddington, Tottenham. In the County of Essex : Chingford, Epping, Leighton, Loughton, Nazing, Waltham Holy-cross, Walthamstow, Woodford. The business of the Bishops' Commissary Court was for convenience divided into two sections of which this is one. As to the other, <i>see</i> ESSEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE. <i>See</i> LONDON, CONSISTORY COURT.</p> <p>Archidiaconal Court. Jurisdiction extends over forty-five parishes in London, viz. :— Allhallows the Wall, Allhallows the Great, Allhallows the Less, St. Andrew Holborn, St. Andrew Wardrobe, St. Alphage, St. Austin Paul's Gate, St. Ann and Agnes Aldersgate, St. Bartholomew Exchange, St. Botolph Aldgate, St. Botolph Aldersgate, St. Bartholomew the Great, St. Bartholomew the Less, St. Catherine Coleman, Christ Church Newgate - street, St. Ethelburga, St. George the Martyr, St. John Zachary, St. John the Baptist, St. John Clerkenwell, St. James Clerkenwell, St. Leonard Shoreditch, St. Magnus the Martyr, St. Martin Ludgate, St. Michael Bassishaw, St. Michael le Quern, St. Michael Queenhithe, St. Mary Abchurch, St. Mary Colechurch, St. Mary Woolnoth, St. Mary at Hill, St. Mary Mounthaw, St. Mary Magdalen Old Fish-street, St. Margaret Lothbury, St. Margaret Moses, St. Mary Somerset, St. Mary Staining, St. Olave Hart-street, St. Olave Silver-street, St. Peter Cheap, St. Peter Cornhill, St. Stephen Walbrook, St. Thomas Apostle, Trinity Minories, Trinity the Less. The Calendar begins in 1368. <i>See</i> LONDON, CONSISTORY COURT.</p>	Principal Registry.

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1537	London.	<p>Peculiar Court of Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's.</p> <p>Jurisdiction extends over twenty-two parishes in London, Middlesex, Essex, and Herts, viz. :—</p> <p>In the City of London : St. Gregory, St. Faith, St. Helen, Precinct of Portpool, St. Giles Cripplegate.</p> <p>In the County of Middlesex : West Drayton, Friern Barnet, Willesdon, Chiswick, Stoke Newington, St. Luke Old-street, Precinct of Hoxton (in the parish of Shoreditch), St. Pancras.</p> <p>In the County of Essex : St. Andrew Heybridge, Barling, Belchamp St. Paul, Tillingham, St. Paul's Wickham.</p> <p>In the County of Herts : Brent Pelham, Furneux Pelham, Albury, Navestock.</p>	Principal Registry.
	London.	<i>See</i> Arches, Croydon, Hustings, Shoreham, and St. Katherine.	
	Long Stowe.	<i>See</i> Stowe, Long.	
1711	Longdon.	<p>Prebendal Court.</p> <p><i>See</i> Lichfield, Consistory Court, <i>note</i>.</p>	Lichfield.
1776	Longdon-upon-Tern.	Manor Court.	Shrewsbury.
1659	Louth.	<p>Prebendal Court.</p> <p>There are ten Wills belonging to this Court between 1612 and 1725 in Registry of Bishop and Dean and Chapter at Lincoln.</p>	Lincoln.
1304	Ludlow.	<p>.</p> <p>The Palmer's Guild at Ludlow, co. Salop, appears to have had testamentary jurisdiction. There are thirty-four Wills, ranging from 1304—1499, now in the custody of the Town Clerk in the Town Hall of that place.</p>	Ludlow.





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1669	West Lydiard.	Prebendal Court.	Wells.
1276	Kings Lynn. Roll of Enrolments of Wills at Lynn. See 11th Rept. of Hist. MSS. Commission, Part III. p. 231. The last date of probate is 1751.	Kings Lynn.
1669	West Lydford.	Prebendal Court.	Wells.
1664	Lyme Regis and Halstock.	Prebendal Court.	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.
1640	Mansfield.	Manorial Court. There is no Index before 1751. Jurisdiction extends over Mans- field, Mansfield - Woodhouse, Sutton - in - Ashfield, Hucknall- under-Huthwaite, part of Warsop, Budby in the parish of Edwin- stowe, Kilton and Scofton in the parish of Worksop. The Wills also of persons dying in other places who held lands in the Manor appear to have been proved in this Court, <i>e.g.</i> , Codnor, Laughton in le Morthen, Thoresby, etc.	Notting- ham.
1654	Marsden.	Manorial Court. The Manor of Marsden is in the parishes of Almondbury and Huddersfield.	Wakefield.
1550	Masham.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over parishes of Masham and Kirkby Malzeard, and chapelries of Middlesmoor and Hartwith with Winsley. The earliest record in Principal Registry is in 1572. Separate Index at York begins in 1609.	Principal Registry, and York.

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1770	Merevale.	Peculiar and Manorial Court. <i>See</i> Lichfield, Consistory Court, <i>note</i> .	Lichfield.
1662	Mexborough and Ravenfield.	Peculiar Court of the Archdeacon of York. There is an Index written on one sheet of paper, 1686—1740.	York.
1722	Middleham.	Royal Peculiar Court.*	Principal Registry.
1664	Middlesex.	Archdeaconry Court. Jurisdiction extends over certain parishes in the Counties of Middlesex, Essex, and Herts, viz :— In the County of Middlesex : St. Anne Westminster, Bedfont, Chelsea, St. Clement Danes, Cranford, Feltham, Hampton, Hanwell with Ch. of Brentford, Harlington, Harmondsworth, Hillingdon with Uxbridge, Heston with Hounslow, St. James Westminster, Isleworth, Kensington, Laleham, Littleton, St. Mary le Strand, St. Martin in the Fields, St. Paul Covent Garden, Shepperton, Staines with the chapel of Ashford, Stanwell, Sunbury. Twickenham. In the County of Essex : Alphamstone, Ashen, Belchamp Otten, Borley, Bumstead ad Turrin, Little Canfield, Chawreth otherwise Broxted, Great Dunmow, Little Dunmow, High Easter, Felstead, Finchingfield, Foxearth, Gosfield, Great Hallingbury, Harlow, Hedingham Castle, Great Henny, Little Henny, Lindsell, Mashbury, Great Maplestead, Ovington, Panfield, Pebmarsh, White Rooding, High Rooding, Berners Rooding, Margaret Rood-	Principal Registry.

* *See* "Documents relating to the Collegiate Church of Middleham." Camden Society, No. xxxviii., pp. 19, 96, for Licence to Dean of Middleham to Grant Probates of Wills, etc.



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		<p>ing, Roydon, Little Raine, Sheering, Tilbury near Clare, Twinsted, Willingale Spain, Wimbish, Weathersfield, Great Yeldham.</p> <p>In the County of Herts :</p> <p>Amwell, Anstye, Barkway, Barley, Braughing, Buckland, Cheshunt, Eastwick, Guilston, Great Hormead, Hunsdon, Layston, Maysdon, Little Pelham, Reed, Sabridgworth, Stansted Abbots, Stansted Thale, Standon, Thorley, Thundridge with Ware, Widial, Wideford, Wormley.</p> <p>The business of this Court was for convenience divided into two sections of which this is one. As to the other, <i>see</i> ESSEX, ARCH-DEACONRY COURT.</p>	
1694	Milton Abbas.	<p>Peculiar Court.</p> <p>Jurisdiction extends over parish of Milton Abbas, the hamlets of Chescombe and Holworth, and parish of Woolland.</p>	Blandford.
1736	Monks Risborough and Newington.	<p>Peculiar Court.</p> <p><i>See</i> as to early Wills "Returns of Ecclesiastical Courts" ordered by the House of Commons to be printed, 26 March, 1830. Jurisdiction extends over parishes of Monks Risborough and Halton, with chapelry of St. Peter's Owlswick, co. Bucks; and Newington with chapelry of Brightwell Prior, co. Oxon.</p>	Principal Registry.
1668	Moreton Magna.	Prebendal Court.	Hereford.
1747	Nassington.	<p>Prebendal Court.</p> <p>There is one Will proved in 1763 in Registry of Dean and Chapter of Lincoln. Jurisdiction extends over Nassington, Yarwell, Ape-thorpe, and Woodnewton.</p>	Peterborough.
1670	Netherbury.	<p>Prebendal Court.</p> <p>Jurisdiction extends over parishes of Netherbury and Beaminster.</p>	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.

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1595	Nether- avon.	Prebendal Court.	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.
1682	Newton* with Bening- borough.	Manorial Court. No Wills after 1813. Index begins 1682.	York.
1459	Norfolk.	Archdeaconry Court. Includes the Court of the Com- missary of the Bishop of Norwich, and of the Official of the Arch- deacon within the Archdeaconry.	Norwich.
	Northamp- ton.	Consistorial Archidiaconal Court. <i>See</i> Peterborough.	
1496	North Newbald.	Prebendal Court. Separate Index begins in 1633.	York.
	Norton.	<i>See</i> Bishop's Norton.	
1370	Norwich.	Consistory Court.†	Norwich.
1500	Norwich.	Dean and Chapter's Court. Jurisdiction extends over the Pre- cinct of the Cathedral, Eaton, Lakenham, St. Helen, St. James, and St. Paul Norwich; and Arminghall, West Beckham, Catton, Hindolveston, Martham, Plumstead Magna, Sprowston, Sedgeford, and Trowse, co. Norfolk.	Norwich.

* Newton on Ouse.

† Some notes of early Norfolk Wills, 1370—1383, will be found in "The Norfolk Antiquarian Miscellany," edited by Walter Rye, Vol. I., p. 345. A List of Wills of Foreigners in this and the other Courts at Norwich will be found in the Publications of the Huguenot Society, Vol. I., Part II., p. 194. D'Ewes' Collection of Norfolk Wills is in the British Museum, Harleian MS. 10.

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1469	Norwich.	Archdeaconry Court. Includes the Court of the Commissary of the Bishop and the Court of the Official of the Archdeacon within the Archdeaconry, and the Records of Castle Rising and Great Cressingham Peculiars, not distinguished from the Archidiaconal Records.	Norwich.
1706	High Offley and Flixton.	Prebendal Court.	Lichfield.
1558	Osbald- wick.	Prebendal Court. Jurisdiction extends over the parish of Gate Helmesley. Separate Index begins in 1631.	York.
1544	Oxford.	Consistory Court.	Principal Registry.
1434	Oxford.	Chancellor's Court. No Wills after 1814. The Records are retained by the University by virtue of 23 and 24 Victoria, cap. 91, sec. 2.*	Oxford.
1543	Oxford.	Archdeaconry Court.	Principal Registry.
1759	Packwood.	Manor Court. <i>See</i> Lichfield, Consistory Court, <i>note</i> .	Birmingham.
1677	Pagham and Tarring Deanery.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over the parishes of Bersted, East Lavant, Pagham, Slyndon, Tangmere, All Saints Chichester, Patching, and Tarring.	Wich Chichester.
1647	Peak Forest.	Peculiar Court. <i>See</i> Lichfield, Consistory Court, <i>note</i> .	Lichfield.

* An Index of these Wills has been printed, entitled "An Index to Wills proved in the Court of the Chancellor of the University of Oxford, by John Griffiths."—Oxford, 1862, 8vo.

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1646	Penkridge.	Royal Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over Penkridge, Shareshill, Copnall, Dunston, Stretton, Levedale, Water Eaton, and Congreve. <i>See</i> Lichfield, Consistory Court, <i>note</i> .	Lichfield.
1510	Peterborough. <i>and, The whole of the Co. 370 was in the Arch. of Northampton</i>	Consistorial Court, and Consistorial Archidiaconal Court of Northampton.* The Wills at Peterborough are those of the Deaneries of Peterborough, Oundle, and Weldon, and the Deanery of Rutland; those of the Deaneries of Northampton, Haddon, Preston Brackley, Daventry, Rothwell, and Higham are at Northampton. At Peterborough there are three Indexes, No. 1, 1608—1723; No. 2, 1719—1757; No. 3, 1757—1858. At Northampton there are good Indexes from 1510. The adm'ons are in Act books, and are not indexed in the Indexes to the Wills.	Peterborough, and Northampton.
1698	Prees, or Pipe Minor.	Prebendal Court. Jurisdiction extends over Prees, Whixall, Calverhall, Tipton, and St. Chad Stafford. <i>See</i> Lichfield, Consistory Court, <i>note</i> .	Lichfield, and Shrewsbury.
1661	Preston and Sutton Pointz.	Prebendal Court.	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.
1690	Ravenstonedale.	Manorial Court.	Carlisle.
1550	Riccal.	Prebendal Court. Separate Index begins in 1694.	York.

* Calendar of Wills relating to the Counties of Northampton and Rutland, 1510—1652. British Record Society, Index Library, Vol. I. — London 1888, 8vo.

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1457	Richmond.	Consistorial Court of the Commissary of the Arch- deaconry.* The Records for the whole jurisdic- tion prior to November, 1748, and for the Eastern Deaneries, viz., Richmond, Catterick, and Boroughbridge, since that period, are in the Principal Registry. The Records for the Western Deaneries, viz., Amounderness, Lonsdale, Kendal, Furness, and Copeland, <i>since</i> November, 1748, are in the District Registry at Lancaster. Nearly all the early Amoundern- ess Wills are lost. Abstracts, made about 1680, of about three thousand of them will be found in the British Museum, Add. MS. 32,115.†	Principal Registry, and Lancaster.
1691	Ringwood with Har- bridge.	Peculiar Court.	Win- chester.
1721	Ripple.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over the parish of Ripple and chapelries of Queenhill and Holdfast.	Worcester.
1440	Rochester.	Consistory and Archdeaconry Courts.	Principal Registry.
1627	Rothley.	Manor Court. Jurisdiction extends over Rothley, and the chapelries in that parish; and over Somerby, South Croxton, Mountsorrel, Barsby Vill, and Saxelby.	Leicester.
1531	Salton.	Peculiar Court.	York.

* A selection of Wills proved in this Court has been printed by the Surtees Society, Vol. XXVI.

† "A List of the Lancashire Wills proved within the Archdeaconry of Richmond," 1457—1792, has been printed by the Record Society, Vols. X., XIII., and XXIII.

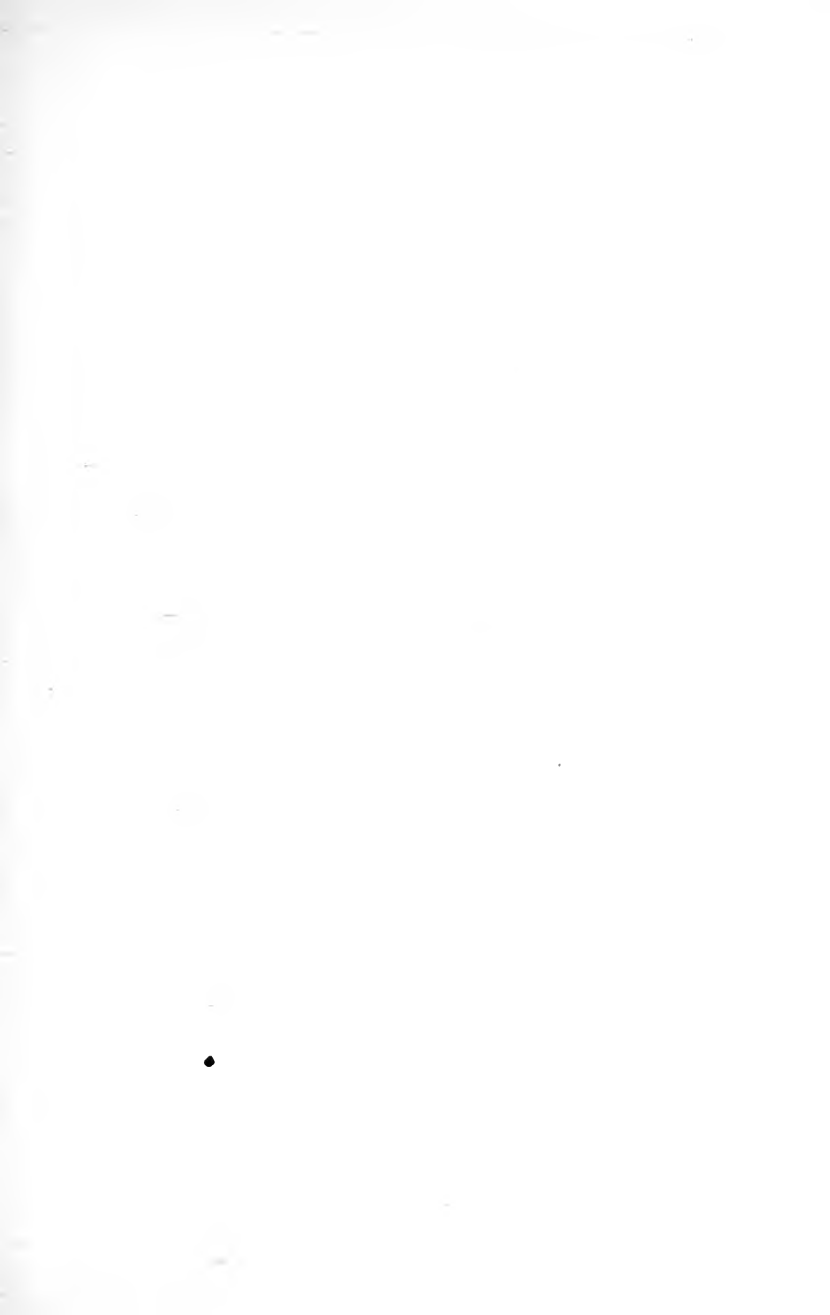
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1550	Salisbury.	Consistory Court.* Jurisdiction extends over the following parishes in the co. of Wilts, viz. :—Trowbridge with Staverton Chapel, St. John, and St. Mary Devizes, Bishop's Lavington, Potterne, Stert, Preshute, Berwick St. James, St. Mary and St. Peter Marlborough—over all Rectors dying within the diocese. And in the Archdeaconries of Berks, Sarum, and Wilts, and the subdeaconry of Sarum, during the Bishop's triennial inhibition of those authorities.	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.
1538	Salisbury.	Archidiaconal Court of Sarum.	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.
1606	Salisbury.	Dean and Chapter's Court. Jurisdiction extends over Bishop's Cannings and South Broom, Britford, Hornington, Bramshaw. Stourpaine. and Uffculm.	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.
1537	Salisbury.	Peculiar Court of the Dean. Jurisdiction extends over the Close of Sarum, and the parishes of Mere, Heytesbury, Knook, Horningsham, Hill Deverell, Swallowcliffe, Ramsbury, and Baydon, in the county of Wilts; Sunning, Wokingham, Hurst, Sandhurst, Arborfield, Ruscombe, and Blewbury with chapels of Upton and Ashton Upthorpe, in co. Berks; Sherborne, Castletown, Wobourne or Obourne, Haydon, North Wootton, Long Bourton, Holnest, Lillington, Thornford, Caundle - marsh, Folke, Stockwood, Bere Hackett, Nether Compton, Over Compton, Ryme	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.

* All the Salisbury Wills, etc., down to 1799, have been transferred to the Principal Registry. From the year 1800 they are at Salisbury. This remark applies to all those Courts mentioned in these pages where the Wills are stated to be at "Principal Registry and Salisbury."



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		<p>Intrinseca, Hermitage, Alton Pancras, Maperton, Charminster, Stratton, Bere Regis, Winterbourne, Kingston Chapel, Anderston, Thompson, Bloxworth, Turners Puddle, and Clifton Maybank, in co. Dorset ; and over the parishes under the jurisdiction of the Prebendaries of Sarum, the Dean and Canons of Windsor, and the Warden of Savernake. The Courts of the Prebendaries are, Bishopstone, Husborne, Chute, Combe, Durnford, Highworth, Netheravon. Wilsford, Calne, Uffculme, Yetminster, Chardstock, Preston, Netherbury, Lyme Regis, Forthington, and Farringdon, which <i>see</i>.</p>	
1610	Salisbury.	<p>Archidiaconal Court of the Sub-Dean. Jurisdiction extends over the following parishes at Salisbury, St. Thomas, St. Edmund, St. Martin, Stratford under Castle, and Milford.</p>	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.
1680	Salisbury.	<p>Peculiar Court of the Precentor. Jurisdiction extends over the parish of Westbury with chapels of Bratton and Dilton.</p>	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.
1668	Salisbury.	<p>Peculiar Court of the Treasurer, including the Peculiar of the Prebendary of Calne. Jurisdiction extends over Alderbury with chapels of Pitton and Farley, Figheldeane, Calne with chapels of Cherhill, Berwick Bassett, and Blackland.</p>	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.
1617	Savernake Forest.	<p>Peculiar Court of the Lord Warden. Jurisdiction extends over Collingbourne Ducis, and Great and Little Bedwin.</p>	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.

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1712	Sawley.	Prebendal Court. Jurisdiction extends over Sawley, Risley, Wilne, Longeaton, and Breaston. <i>See</i> Lichfield, Consis- tory Court, <i>note</i> .	Lichfield.
1555	Selby.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over Selby, and Brayton. Separate Index begins in 1681.	York.
1579	Shipton with Over- ton.	Manorial Court.	York.
1602	Shoreham.	Peculiar Court. The Deanery of Shoreham consists of the following parishes and chapelries: Bexley, Brasted, Chevening, Chiddingstone, Cray- ford, St. Mary Cray, Darenth, East Malling, Eynsford, East Farleigh, East Peckham, Farningham, Gillingham with Lidsing alias Lidgyng, Grain, Hunton, Halstead, Hayes, Downe Chapelry, Hever, Ifield, Ightham, Keston, Knockholt, Meopham, Northfleet, Otford, Orpington, Penshurst, Plaxtol, Shoreham, Sevenoaks, Sundridge, Wrotham with Stansted chapelry. <i>See</i> Croydon.	Principal Registry.
1661	Shrews- bury St. Mary.	Royal Peculiar Court Jurisdiction extends over St. Mary Shrewsbury, Clive, Astley, and Albrighton.	Shrews- bury.
1732	Sibford.	Manor Court. Jurisdiction extends over Sibford Gower, Sibford Ferris, and Bird- rup, which are part of the parish of Swalcliffe.	Principal Registry.
1767	Silsden.	Manorial Court.	Wakefield.
1651	Skerton.	Manor Court. No Wills after 1691.	Unknown.









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1610	New Sleaford.	Prebendal Court.*	Lincoln.
....	Slyne with Hest.	Manor Court. It appears from the "Returns of Ecclesiastical Courts" ordered by the House of Commons to be printed, 26 March, 1830, page 132, that Wills were proved in this Court, but it was not then known where they were deposited, and no transfer has been made.	Unknown.
1525	Snaith.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over the following places, Snaith, Balne, Cowick, Gowdall, Heck, Hensall, and Pollington in the parish of Snaith; Whitgift with the townships of Ouzefleet and Redness; Armin, Carlton, Hook, Rawcliffe, Goole, and Swinfleet. Separate Index begins in 1568.	York.
	South Cave.	<i>See Cave, South.</i>	
1588	Southmall-ing.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over the parishes adjoining the City of Chichester, viz., St. Andrew, St. Martin, St. Olave, St. Peter the Great, St. Peter the Less, St. Pancras, St. Bartholomew, New Fishbourn, and Wike <i>alias</i> Rumboldswick.	Lewes.
1558	Southwell.	Peculiar Court of the Chapter of the Collegiate Church. Jurisdiction extends over Southwell, Beckingham, Bleasby, Blidworth, Calverton, Caunton, Cropwell Bishop, Carlton in Norwell, Darlton in Dunham, Dunham, Eaton, Edingley, Farnsfield, Halam, Halloughton, Holme, Kirklington, Morton, North	Nottingham.

* Some Wills belonging to this Court are in the Muniment Room of the Dean and Chapter at Lincoln.

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		<p>Leverton, Norwell, North and South Muskham, Oxtun, Ragnall, Rampton, South Wheatley, Upton, and Woodborough.</p> <p>There are thirteen Volumes of recorded copies of Wills, numbered 4, 5, 5a, 6, etc. Vol. IV. begins 1567. Vols. I., II., and III. have not been transferred to the Nottingham Registry. But see as to these vols., Historical MSS. Commission, 12th Rept., App., Part IX., p. 541. Wills among MSS. of Southwell Cathedral, <i>circa</i> 1470—1556. Adm'ons 1660—1670, Probate Acts 1660—1693. A list of the testators is printed at above reference. There are also Marriage Bonds 1667—1693. There are no Indexes before 1680, from which period there is an Index to 1857.</p>	
1538	Stillington.	Prebendal Court.	York.
1610	Stow in Lindsey.	<p>Prebendal Court.</p> <p>Jurisdiction extends over parish of Stow and townships of Sturton and Normanby by Stow.</p>	Lincoln.
1667	Long Stowe.	<p>Prebendal Court.</p> <p>Jurisdiction extends over the parishes of Stow with Catworth Spaldwick, Barham, and Easton.</p>	Peter- borough.
1718	Stratford upon Avon.	Peculiar Court.*	Worcester, and Strat- ford on Avon.

* With regard to the Wills of this Court now remaining at Stratford on Avon, Mr. Richard Savage, secretary and librarian to the trustees of Shakespeare's birthplace, writes me under date August 2, 1888, "There are a number of old Wills among the Records of Stratford on Avon. I have one Vol. of 'Wills and Inventories,' but there are many bound up in the Vols. of Miscellaneous Documents. . . . They date from the early part of Q. Eliz.'s reign, and (as far as I can recollect) run up to the middle of the last century. I believe also that the greater portion were proved at Stratford on Avon. I am sure the earliest were, and the Peculiar was not abolished until 1838."





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1528	Strensall.	Prebendal Court. Jurisdiction extends over parishes of Strensall, Haxby, Osbaldwick, and Murton. Separate Index begins in 1640.	York.
1641	Sturminster Marshall.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over parishes of Sturminster Marshall, Corfe Mullen, Lytchet Minster, and Hamworthy.	Blandford.
1354	Sudbury.	Archdeaconry Court.*	Bury St. Edmunds.
1444	Suffolk.	Archdeaconry Court.†	Ipswich.
84 1590	Surrey.	Archdeaconry Court.	Principal Registry.
1662	Surrey.	Commissary Court. Jurisdiction extends over the County of Surrey.	Principal Registry.
1725	Tachbrooke.	Prebendal Court. <i>See</i> Lichfield, Consistory Court, <i>note</i> .	Birmingham.
1538	Taunton.	Archdeaconry Court.‡	Taunton.
1612	Templenewsam.	Manorial Court.	Wakefield.

* Includes Commissary Court of Bury St. Edmunds. A Volume of Wills selected from those in this Court has been printed by the Camden Society, Vol. XLIX. They range from 1370—1649.

† A Calendar, or *partial* Calendar, of the Wills in this Court, 1444—1620, is being printed in the "East Anglian," New Series, Vol. I., 340, 348, 366; II., 8, 61, 76, 92, 121, 132, 150, 167, 181, 187, 202, 277, etc.

‡ The earlier Wills are transcripts comprised in six vols. :—

Vol. I. 1538—1551.

Vol. II. 1557—1566.

Vol. III. 1572—1580.

Vol. IV. 1580—1586.

Vol. V. 1587—1588.

Vol. VI. 1592—1593.

After this period they are original Wills done up carefully in annual bundles. *See* Canterbury, Prerogative Court, *note*.

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	Temple Balsall.	<i>See</i> Balsall Temple.	
1580	Temple Sowerby.	Manorial Court.	Carlisle.
1662	Tettenhall.	Royal Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over Tettenhall, Codsall, Bilbrook, Oaken, Kingswood, Wrottesley, Purton, Wey, and Trescott. <i>See</i> Lichfield, Consistory Court, <i>note</i> .	Lichfield.
1736	Thame.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over parishes of Thame, Tetsworth, Sidenham, and Great Milton, co. Oxon., and Towersey, co. Bucks.	Principal Registry.
1774	Thorney.	Peculiar Court.	Peterborough.
....	Thorpe next Norwich.	Peculiar Court. Wills are with those of Consistory Court at Norwich.	Norwich.
1689	Timberscombe.	Prebendal Court.	Wells.
1574	Totnes.	Archdeaconry Court. Jurisdiction extends over all the parishes in the Archdeaconry, except Paignton, Marlton, and Stoke Gabriel, which are peculiars of the Bishop of Exeter; and Ashburton, Bickington, Buckland on the Moor, Coffinswell, Kings Kerswell, St. Mary Church, and Staverton, which are peculiars of the Dean and Chapter of Exeter.	Exeter.
1717	Tredington.	Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over Tredington, Shipston upon Stower, and Tidmington.	Worcester.





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1684	Tyrley.	Manor Court. A Manor in the parish of Drayton in Hales.	Shrews- bury.
1623	Uffculme.	Prebendal Court.	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.
1799	Uffton <i>ex parte</i> Decani and Uffton <i>ex parte</i> Cantoris.	Prebendal Courts.*	Lichfield.
1639	Wadworth.	Prebendal Court. Separate Index begins in 1708.	York.
1549	Warthill.	Prebendal Court. Separate Index begins in 1681.	York.
1662	Watton.	Prebendal Court.	Wells.
1502	Weighton.	Prebendal Court. Jurisdiction extends over Weigh- ton and Shipton. Separate Index begins in 1660.	York.
1660	Wells.	Consistorial Archidiaconal Court.	Wells.
1660	Wells.	Consistorial Decanal Court: Jurisdiction extends over the parishes of Allerton, Biddisham, Mark, Priddy, Wedmore, West- bury, Chesterblade, Dinder, Ever- creech, Benager, Chilcompton, Broomfield, Nether Stowey, Car- hampton, and the out-parish of St. Cuthbert in Wells.	Wells.

* See Lichfield. Dean and Chapter's Court.

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1660	Wells.	Consistory Court of the Dean and Chapter. Jurisdiction extends over Liberty of St. Andrew in Wells, North Curry, Stoke St. Gregory, West Hatch, Cheddar, Long Sutton, Bishop's Lydeard, Combe St. Nicholas, Winsham, Lovington, and South Barrow.	Wells.
1660	Wells.	Peculiar Court of the Pre- centor. Jurisdiction extends over parishes of Pilton and North Wootton.	Wells.
1655	Wells.	Peculiar Court of the Chan- cellor. Jurisdiction extends over parishes of Kingsbury and East and West Lambrook.	Wells.
1627	Wells.	Peculiar Court of the Sub- Dean. Jurisdiction extends over the parish of Wookey.	Wells.
1528	Wells.	Consistorial Episcopal Court.*	Wells.
....	Wester- dale.	Manorial Court.	Unknown.
<i>Cir.</i> , 1612	Westmeon with Privett Chapel.	Peculiar Court.	Win- chester.

* In the Museum of the Somerset Archl. Society at Taunton there is a thin Vol. of transcripts of old Wills consisting of thirty-three leaves and lettered on the back "Manuscripts." These sheets were rescued from a butcher's shop at Wells where they were being used to wrap up the goods sold. Apparently they belong to this court. A volume of abstracts of Wills, edited by Rev. W. F. Weaver, has been published, entitled, "Wells Wills, 1528—1536."—London, 1890, 8vo. See Canterbury, Prerogative Court, *note*.





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1504	West- minster.	Royal Peculiar Court of the Dean and Chapter. Jurisdiction extends over parishes of St. Margaret and St. John Evangelist Westminster, the Pre- cinct of St. Martin le Grand, and the parish of St. Mary, Maldon, Essex. An Index to these Wills has been printed.	Principal Registry.
1588	Wetwang.	Prebendal Court. Jurisdiction extends over the parishes of Wetwang, Fimber, Fridaythorpe, Elloughton, and Kirkby Wharfe. Separate Index begins in 1658.	York.
1665	White- lackington.	Prebendal Court.	Wells.
1674	Whitting- ton, and Baswich.	Prebendal Court. Jurisdiction extends over Whit- tington, Baswich, Acton Trussell, and Bednall. <i>See</i> Lichfield, Consistory Court, <i>note.</i>	Lichfield.
1615	Wilsford and Wood- ford.	Prebendal Court.	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.
1604	Wilts.	Archidiaconal Court of Wilts.	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.
1511	Wimborne Minster.	Peculiar Court.	Blandford.
1500 (?) 1398	Win- chester.	Consistory Court. There are several parishes in the county of Southampton, over which the respective Rectors or Vicars exercised Peculiar Jurisdic-	Win- chester.

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		<p>tion. A list of them will be found in "Return of all Courts, etc., empowered to grant Probates of Wills," ordered by the House of Commons to be printed, 16 April, 1829, page 88. The only papers from these Courts known now to exist have been transmitted to Winchester, and are from the following places:—</p> <p>Alresford with Medstead and New Alresford. Bishop's Waltham. Cheriton with Kilmaston and Tichbourne.</p> <p>That there were others which had testamentary records appears from various returns in "Returns of Ecclesiastical Courts" ordered by the House of Commons to be printed, 26 March, 1830. It was the practice to transmit them to the Consistory Court at Winchester, and I therefore apprehend they are still there, though probably undistinguishable from the other testamentary papers remaining therein.</p>	
1557	Winchester.	Archdeaconry Court.	Winchester.
1668	Windsor.	<p>Peculiar Court of the Dean and Canons.</p> <p>Jurisdiction extends over the parishes of Wantage, Hungerford, Shalborne, Ogborne St. George, Ogborne St. Andrew, and West Ilsley.</p>	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.
1585	Wistow.	<p>Prebendal Court.</p> <p>Jurisdiction extends over Wistow, Cawood, and Monk Fryston. Separate Index begins in 1617.</p>	York.
1669	Witham Friary.	Peculiar Court.	Wells.
1660	Wiveliscombe.	<p>Prebendal Court.</p> <p>Jurisdiction extends over Wiveliscombe and Fitzhead.</p>	Wells.





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1632	Wolverhampton.	Royal Peculiar Court. Jurisdiction extends over Wolverhampton, Pelsall, Willenhall, Wednesfield, Bilston, Bentley, New Invention, and Hatherton. <i>See</i> Lichfield, Consistory Court, <i>note</i> .	Lichfield.
1786	Wombridge.	Peculiar Court.	Shrewsbury.
1612	East Woodhay, with Askmansworth, etc.	Peculiar Court.	Winchester.
1452	Worcester.	Consistory Court.*	Worcester.
1668	Worcester.	Court of the Dean and Chapter. Jurisdiction extends over the peculiars of Berrow, Kempsey, Norton near Kempsey, St. Michael in Bedwardine, Stoulton, Tibberton, Wolverley, and College Precincts Worcester. There is an Index to each Peculiar 1668—1788, after which there are no more Wills.	Worcester.

* The Wills from 1452—1584 are transcripts bound in 6 Vols., lettered, 1, 2, 5, 6 in two parts, and 7. (Vols. 3 and 4 missing, supposed to be in Edgar Tower.)

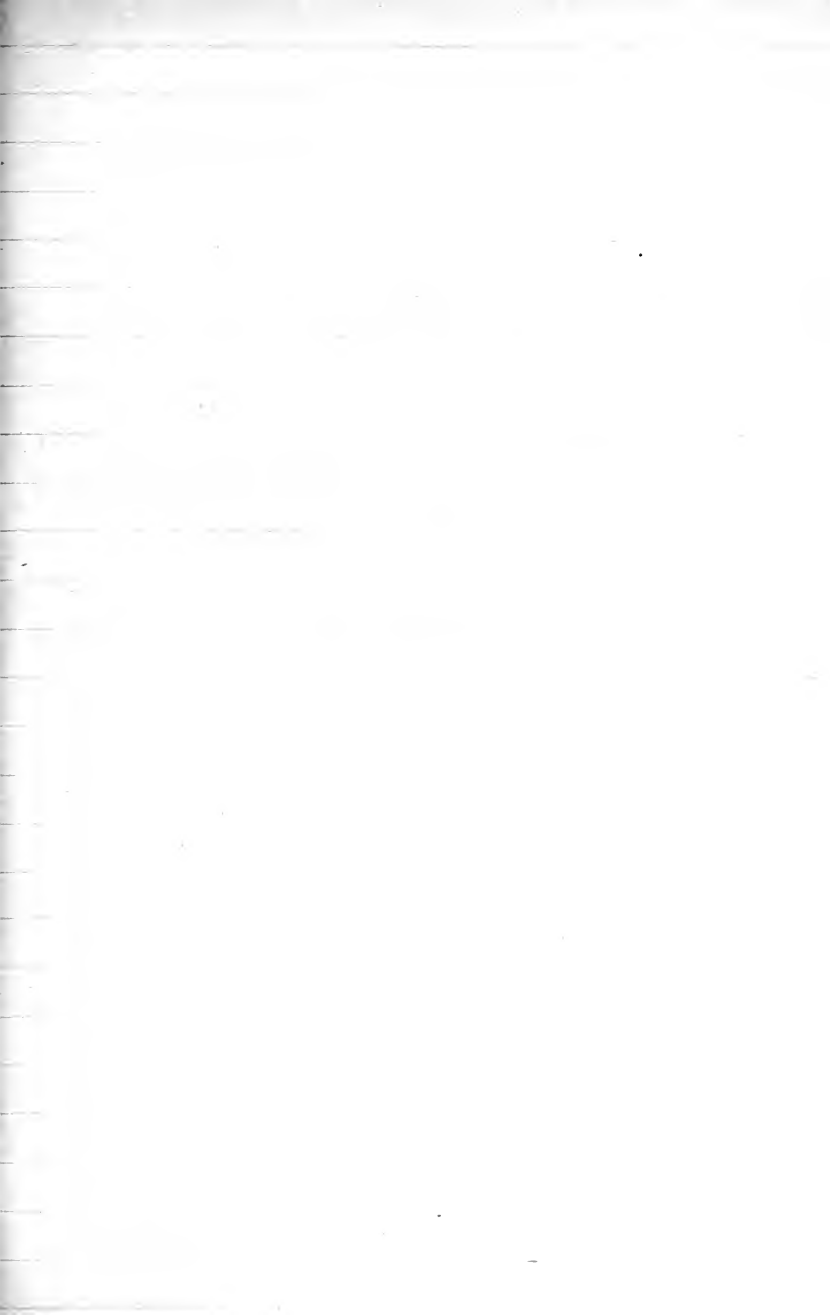
The Adm'ons are bound up with the Wills before 1651, but are not in the Will Index, so to find them you must turn right through the bundles of Wills. After 1661, the Adm'on and Probate Acts are bound in Vols., each having an ABC. Index. There is no Alphabetical Index to the earlier Wills. The Indexes from 1452—1652 are in 2 Vols., and in bad condition. The early Wills cover the now diocese of Gloucester. In the old bundles of Wills there are many Marriage Bonds as well as Adm'on Bonds. There is a large Volume of Wills, 1652—1739, purporting to be "Copies of Wills" proved in London. There is also a Volume containing upwards of 200 Wills and other Ecclesiastical Records in the *Episcopal Registry* at Worcester, commencing in the year 1544 and extending to 1553. This is entitled "Liber Actorum sup' Del'ec'onibus in Visitatione D'ni Joh'nis Wigorn' Ep'i 1539. Et Nonulloru' Testam'toru' D'ni Nich'li Wigorn' Ep'i approbat: a 1544 ad 1553." The Bishops' Books also contain some Wills, the earliest being that of Sir William Beauchamp, dated in 1268. An "Index to Worcester Wills," 1519—1563, has been privately printed by Sir Thomas Phillipps, n.d. fol.

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1637	Writtle with Roxwell.	Peculiar Court.	Principal Registry.
1662	Yatton.	Prebendal Court. Jurisdiction extends over parishes of Yatton and Kenn. Some Wills of this Peculiar are in the District Registry at Wells, in a bundle marked "Yatton Desultory."	Wells.
1654	Yetminster and Grimston.	Prebendal Court.	Principal Registry, and Salisbury.
1389	York.	Exchequer and Prerogative Courts.* The date of the earliest <i>original</i> Record is 1559. An Index to the Wills and Adm'ons in these Courts from 1636 to 1652, edited by Dr. Collins, has been printed by the Yorkshire Archæological Association, "Record Series," Vol. IV.	York.
1311	York.	Consistory and Chancery Court.† The Wills in this Court are registered in the Archbishops' Books, together with presenta-	York.

* Under the title "Testamenta Eboracensia" the Surtees Society has printed five Volumes of Wills selected from this and some of the other Courts at York, and ranging from 1316 to 1534. The numbers of these Vols. in the Surtees Publications are 4, 30, 45, 53, 79. Dr. F. Collins has edited for the Yorkshire Archæological Society Record Series, an Index to Yorkshire Wills proved in London during the Commonwealth, 1649—1660. This is Vol. I. of the Record Series. Abstracts of Yorkshire Wills in the time of the Commonwealth, edited by J. W. Clay, forms Vol. IX. of the Record Series.

Indexes to the Wills in the York Registry, 1389—1568, form Vols. VI., XI. and XIV. of the Record Series.

† Wills were only proved in the Chancery Court when the Will had been litigated in one of the Inferior Courts. The validity of a Will having been established or Administration decreed, such Wills or Adm'ons were then entered in the books of the Consistory Court, now called the Archbishops' Books. The









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1321	York.	<p>tions to livings and other ecclesiastical records, and have not been transferred. They remain in a building adjoining the Cathedral, in which the Wills of the Exchequer and Prerogative Court were kept previous to their transfer to the District Registry of the Court of Probate.</p> <p>Peculiar Court of the Dean and Chapter.</p> <p>Jurisdiction extends over the following parishes in the counties of York, Nottingham, and Lancaster, viz : Aldbrough,* Dunsforth, Burton Leonard, Brothers-ton, Bramham, Boston, Kirkby Malzeard, and Middlesmoor,† in the West Riding of co. York; Burton Pidsea, Weaverthorpe, Helperthorpe, Huttons Ambo, and Wharram le Street, in the East Riding; Hornby and Helperby, in the North Riding; Laneham, Misterton, West Stockwith, Askham, East Drayton, and Stoakham, in co. Nottingham; Kirkby Irelyth, and Leathwaite, in co. Lancaster; St. Michael le Belfry, St. Martin Coney Street, St. John at Ouse-bridge-end, St. Mary Bishophill Junior, St. Sampson, St. Lawrence, St. Maurice, St. John Del-pike, St. Andrew and Beddern, in the City of York, and Copman-thorpe, and Upper Poppleton in the County of the City of York. See also "Returns of Ecclesiastical Courts" ordered by the House</p>	York.

earliest Will registered in these books is that of Richard de Kellawe, Bishop of Durham, proved in 1316, but there are some Administration Acts of earlier date. Wills and Adm'ons are entered in these books down to the year 1858. An Index to these Wills from 1660—1724 will be found in the British Museum, Add. MS. 29699, fol. 149.

* Aldbrough was a Manor Court, but I have not been able to ascertain where the Wills were kept, unless they were returned into this Court.

† The Jurisdiction of Kirkby Malzeard and Middlesmoor is claimed both by the Dean and Chapter and the peculiar of Masham.

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		<p>of Commons to be printed, 26 March, 1830, page 130. The existence of Wills from the Prebendal Court of Tockerington, said to be at York, is also there noticed. Separate Index begins in 1757.</p>	
1572	York.	<p>Court of the Archdeacon of the East Riding. Jurisdiction extends over the parish of Mappleton. Separate Index begins in 1572. The earliest record in the Index to General Peculiars is 1649.</p>	York.
1557	York.	<p>Peculiar Court of the Chancellorship of the Cathedral Church of, with the Prebendal Court of Laughton en le Morthen annexed. Jurisdiction extends over the parishes of Laughton - en - le - Morthen, St. John Throapham, Letwell, Firbeck, Anston, Thorpe Salvin, Wales, Handsworth, Acklam, and Wawne. Wills from the Prebendal Court of Laughton begin in 1612.</p>	York.
1551	York.	<p>Peculiar Court of the Precentorship. Jurisdiction extends over the parishes of Great and Little Driffield, and Little Usburne.</p>	York.
1559	York.	<p>Peculiar Court of the Subdean. Jurisdiction extends over the parish of Preston. Separate Index begins in 1676.</p>	York.
1557	York.	<p>Peculiar Court of the Succentorship. Jurisdiction extends over the parish of Tunstall.</p>	York.





Date of Earliest Record.		STYLE OR TITLE OF COURT.	Present Place of Deposit.
	York.	Peculiar Court of the Arch- deacon. <i>See</i> Mexborough.	
1553	York.	Peculiar Jurisdiction of the Archbishop in the Peculiars of Hexhamshire and Ripon. For Hexhamshire there is an Act Book, 1593—1602. The Jurisdiction of these Courts extends over the following parishes, Ripon, and Ripon Holy Trinity, Bishop Monckton, Sawley, Pateley Bridge, Bishop Thornton, Winkley with Grantley, Aldfield with Studley, Skelton, Sharrow, Bondgate, Bishopton, Hewick, Ingerthorpe, Wallerthwaite, Markington, Slenningford, North Stainley, Littlethorpe, Whitecliffe, Hexham, Hexhamshire, Allendale, Ninebanks, West Allen, Saint John Lee, St. Oswald and St. Mary Bingfield.	York.
1610	York.	Peculiar Court of the Deanery. There are five bundles of Administrations and Tuitions, 1538—1660. Jurisdiction includes Barmby Moor, and Pocklington. <i>See</i> Lawton's "Treatise of Bona Notabilia," p. 67. Separate Index from 1684, and for Barmby Moor from 1670.	York.

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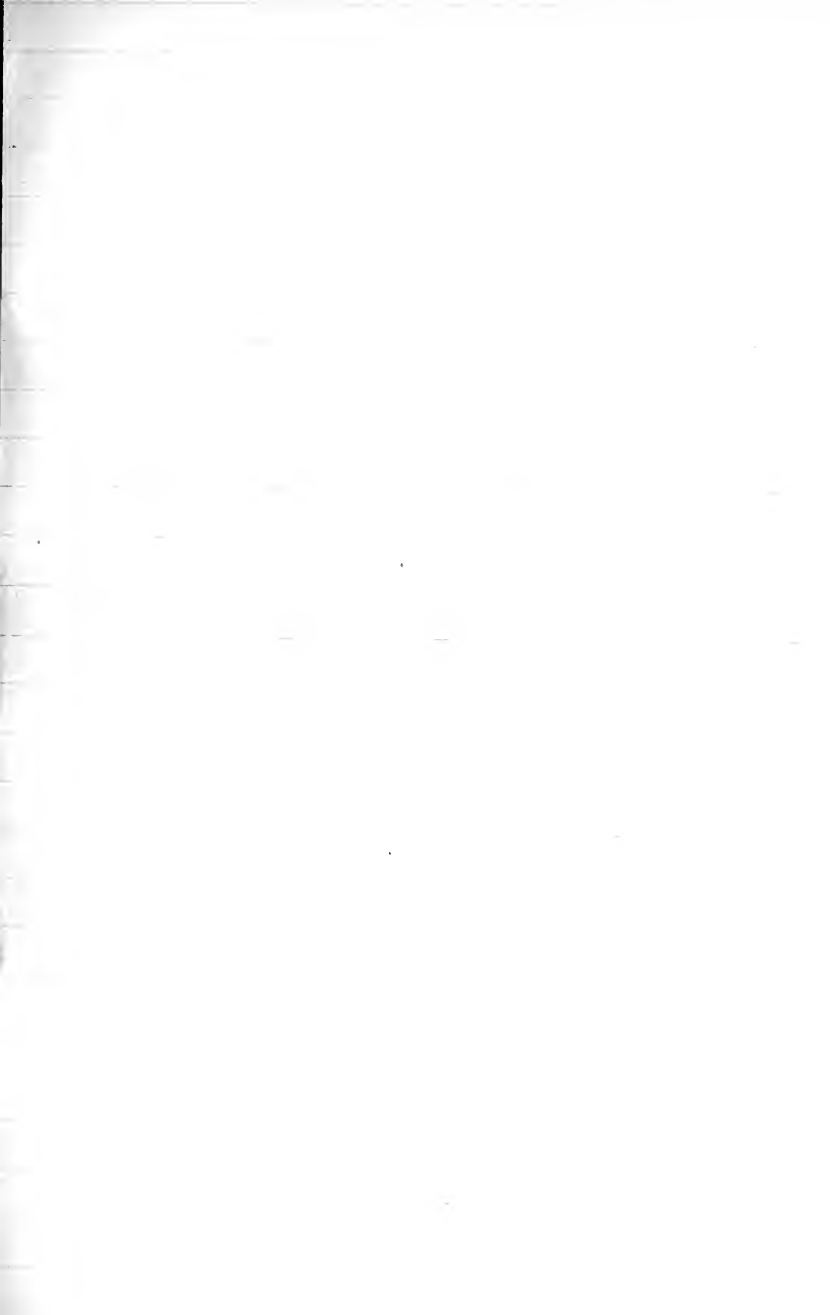


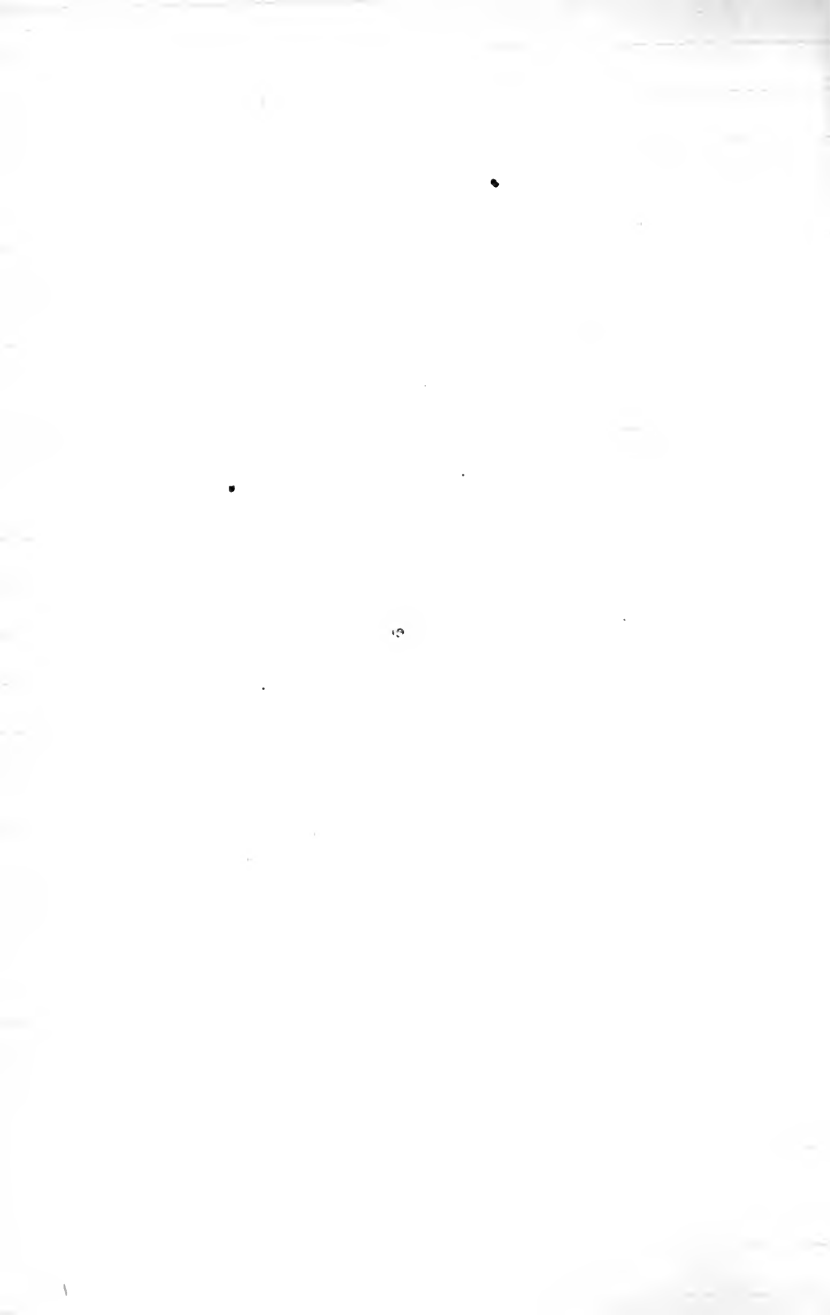


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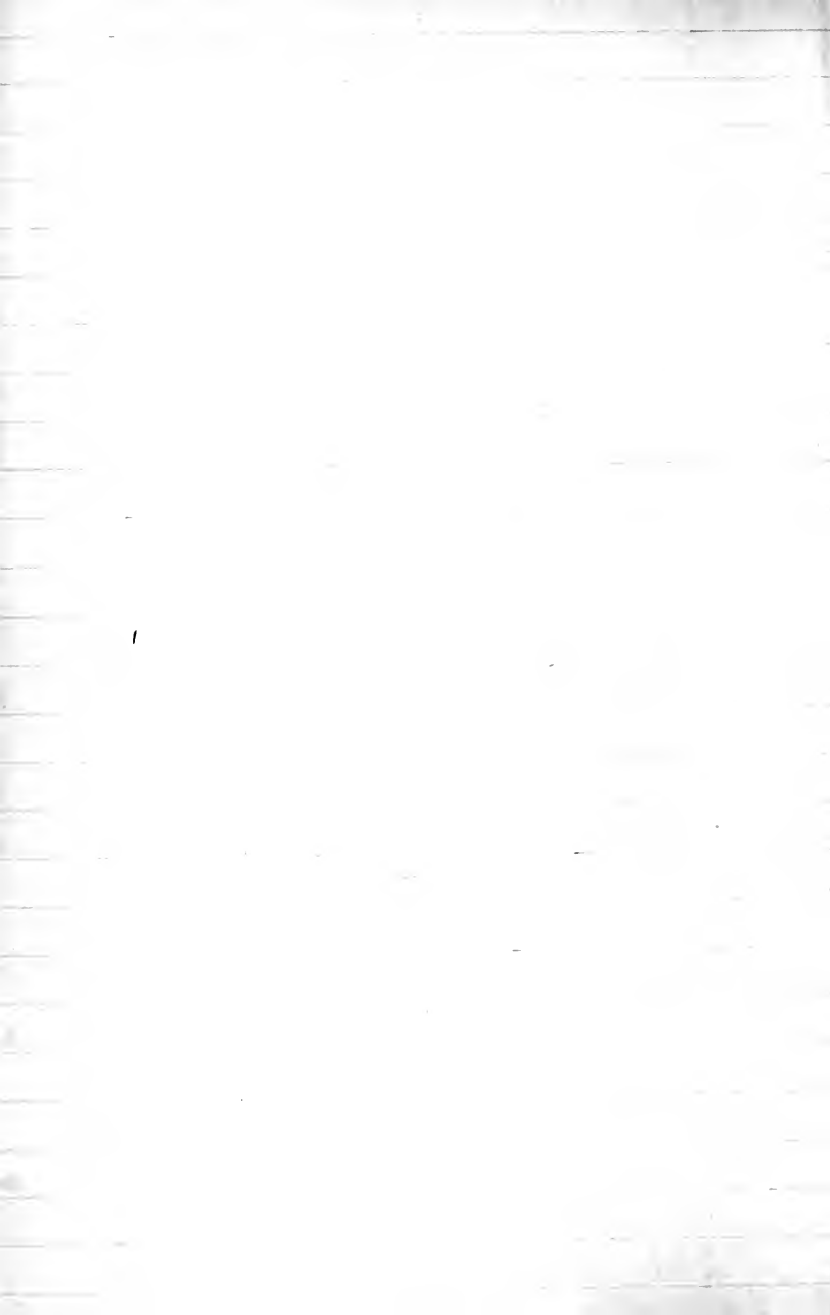




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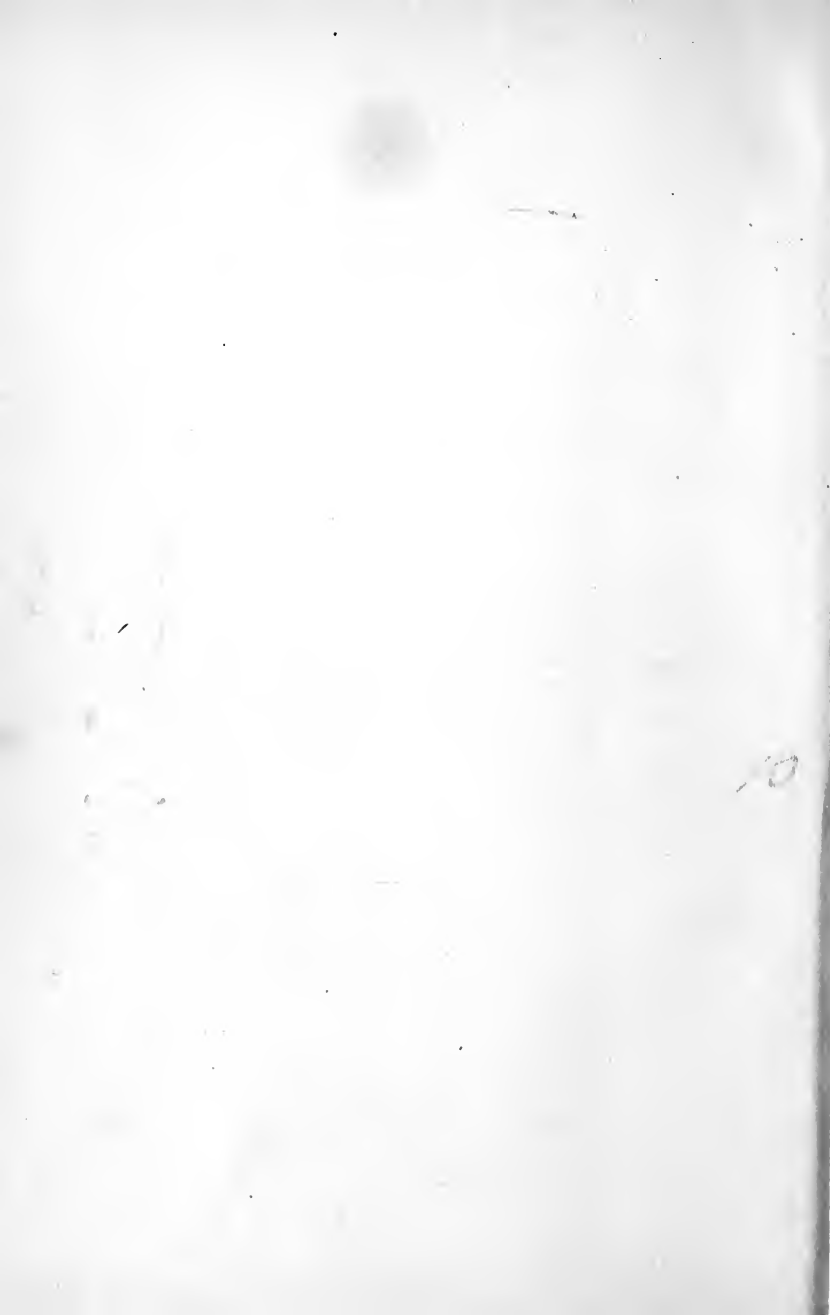
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